



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [67675/25]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [67676/25]
3. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Michael Cahill. [67677/25]
4. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [69859/25]
5. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet committee oversees agriculture; and when it will next meet. — Ryan O’Meara. [69860/25]
6. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet Committee oversees agriculture and when it will meet next. — Malcolm Byrne. [5806/26]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [5977/26]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [5989/26]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [7331/26]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [7578/26]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [7693/26]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture and the marine will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [7698/26]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Jennifer Whitmore. [8091/26]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [8094/26]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee that oversees agriculture. — Paul Murphy. [8097/26]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that oversees agriculture will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [8197/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education. — Paul Murphy. [8098/26]
32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [8270/26]
33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [9560/26]
34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — David Cullinane. [9922/26]
35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Louis O'Hara. [9944/26]
36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [9959/26]
37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [9962/26]
38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [10027/26]
39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mark Ward. [10029/26]
40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [10089/26]
41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10095/26]
42. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the First Progress Report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [68209/25]
43. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan 2025. — Ciarán Ahern. [4030/26]
44. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [5896/26]
45. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan. — Ruth Coppinger. [5975/26]
46. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the First Progress Report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [7898/26]
47. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of Climate Action Plan 2025. — Shane Moynihan. [7903/26]

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

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

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

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

52. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan 2025. — Liam Quaide. [9561/26]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan. — David Cullinane. [9923/26]

54. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan. — Darren O'Rourke. [9965/26]

55. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan. — Barry Heneghan. [10028/26]

56. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the first progress report of the Climate Action Plan. — Paul Lawless. [10090/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

69. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment of and response to the NESC report, 'Connecting People to the Energy Transition'. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9925/26]

70. To ask the Taoiseach his assessment and response to the NESC report, 'Connecting People to the Energy Transition'. — Darren O'Rourke. [9966/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — David Cullinane. [9924/26]

78. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9926/26]

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [9960/26]

80. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mark Ward. [10030/26]

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

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

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

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

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

86. 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]

87. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at a meeting of the British-Irish Council. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [9963/26]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

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. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9927/26]

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. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [9964/26]

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

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

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

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

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

119. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [9961/26]

120. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10096/26]

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

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

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

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

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

126. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Mary Lou McDonald. [10097/26]

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 the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Tony McCormack. [9931/26]

142. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Albert Dolan. [9932/26]

143. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [9933/26]

144. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — James O’Connor. [9934/26]

145. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [10084/26]

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

147. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Shay Brennan. [9935/26]

148. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Malcolm Byrne. [9936/26]

149. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [9937/26]

150. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Martin Daly. [9938/26]

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

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

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

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

155. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [10083/26]

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

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

156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that flood insurance is extended to the approximately 290,000 buildings in the State that have limited or no flood insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10449/26]

157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm the date on which the expanded Living Cities Initiative will be formally introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [10467/26]

158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total number of homes and total value of homes that have been bulk purchased each year, and subject to the higher rate of stamp duty, since the higher rate was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10450/26]

159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the action he is taking to protect the rights of mortgage holders whose mortgages were sold to non-bank lenders after the crash; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [10058/26]

160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will bring forward a cost-of-living package considering inflation is far higher than projected on Budget day, at 2.8%, and the findings of the ESRI that the Budget has resulted in ‘income losses’ for the average household; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [10451/26]

161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures being considered by his Department to ensure that flood insurance cover is made more accessible to households at risk of flooding, or those that have previously been flooded; the further engagement his Department has had with insurance providers in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [10351/26]

### CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will ensure the Irish Strategic Investment Fund is fully divested from all companies, directly and indirectly, involved in illegally occupied Palestinian territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10053/26]

163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to consider tax measures to encourage gym membership. — Malcolm Byrne. [9526/26]

164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has reconsidered flood insurance/reinsurance models in light of recent flooding events across the country and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [10059/26]

165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the Action Plan on Insurance Reform; and the progress made under the priority actions contained within the plan. — Cormac Devlin. [9531/26]

166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will amend inheritance tax thresholds for individuals who have no children of their own and would like to leave an inheritance to a niece or nephew; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [9956/26]

167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any engagement has occurred with the insurance sector following recent severe weather events, including storm Bram and storm Chandra; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9545/26]

168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on amending the ETF deemed disposal rule to encourage retail investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [10082/26]

169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason former Minister for Finance chose to pledge €141.1million to the World Bank in 2025, €10 million more than the World Bank requested, given that the Department's business case stated that the lower amount of €131.4 million was 'in keeping with Ireland's International development policy'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10051/26]

170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he has met with the Revenue Commissioners to discuss the proposed derelict sites charge. — Thomas Gould. [10022/26]

171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on his Department's commitment to establish a savings and investments forum. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [9548/26]

172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to increase competition in the retail banking sector following the withdrawal of several major banking institutions in recent years; the steps he is taking to ensure consumers, particularly in rural areas, have adequate access to banking services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [10070/26]

173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the introduction of individual savings accounts, similar to those already underway in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [10081/26]

174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current value of the Future Ireland Fund; the current value of the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9542/26]

175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department will reconsider the current 38% exit tax on unrealised gains for ETFs, which is discouraging prudent saving; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [10056/26]

176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the amount of carbon tax collected for the years 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [9554/26]

177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is considering including a specific test for quality employment, which is developed in cooperation with workers in the film industry in addition to all other relevant employment legislation, for producer and qualifying companies applying for section 481 film tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10091/26]

178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he plans to reduce interest rates being charged to mortgage holders who mortgages were sold to non-bank lenders after the financial crash. — Thomas Gould. [10023/26]

179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the up-to-date position on the establishment of a national Fintech hub, to foster and support Fintech initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10062/26]

180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which the move from once-off cost-of-living supports to permanent measures has been assessed in terms of its impact on people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [1615/26]

181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of people who availed of the help-to-buy scheme in Galway in 2025; if he plans to review the current price thresholds for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [9557/26]

182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of earners in Ireland now paying the higher rate of income tax; the way that figure compared with 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [10057/26]

183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is satisfied with the effectiveness of current financial disincentives to stop land hoarding and property speculation; if he is planning any other radical measures to end land hoarding and property speculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10092/26]

184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when the Revenue Commissioners will take over collection of the derelict sites levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [9740/26]

185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has engaged with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality to develop mechanisms through the tax system to help lower the cost of childcare for families with childminders working in the family home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [10072/26]

186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures being considered by his Department to ensure that flood insurance cover is made more accessible to households at risk of flooding or those that have previously been flooded; the further engagement his Department has had with insurance providers in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [10077/26]

187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason former Minister for Finance ignored pre-Budget 2026 advice from officials within the Department of Finance, to introduce profitability bands to the bank levy, that would result in a greater amount of money paid by AIB and Bank of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10052/26]

188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current position regarding the introduction and application of taxation measures relating to vacant and derelict properties; whether indicative timelines have been set for their commencement and operation; whether his Department is examining options to advance their implementation in the context of housing supply objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10087/26]

189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the Central Bank (Amendment) Bill 2025; when he expects it to be passed into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [9537/26]

190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will end the inequity in access to the bike-to-work and tax saver public transport schemes whereby workers on the standard rate of tax receive lower benefits than higher paid workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9559/26]

191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the plans his Department has in 2026 to help reduce the cost of insurance premiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9941/26]

192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the establishment of the Future Ireland Fund; the intentions of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9951/26]

193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider increasing the thresholds on capital acquisitions tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [9950/26]

194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the contingency plans he has in place in the event of a downturn in tax revenues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [9538/26]

195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has engaged at an EU level to discuss allowing member states to set the VAT on electricity at 0% under the EU VAT Directives as a means to assist with the transition to net zero; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10032/26]

196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider reintroducing indexation for capital gains tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [9949/26]

197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the action he is taking on foot of his Department's advice to introduce new regulations that would ensure social media companies vet who can post adverts promoting financial investment schemes on their platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10054/26]

198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on Ireland's ability to maintain the downward trajectory of the debt-to-GNI\* ratio, as required in the Medium-Term Fiscal and Structural Plan, in light of projected increases in capital spending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [9954/26]

199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the process for the delivery of a strategy for the credit union sector has commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [9529/26]

200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the plans in place to activate the estimated €170 billion in Irish deposit accounts, to advance the objectives of the Savings and Investments Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9535/26]

201. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the establishment of the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund; the intentions of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9952/26]

202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the Ireland for Finance strategy; when the next version of the strategy will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [9547/26]

203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the new strategy for the credit union sector; if it will support a centralised treasury function for the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [9728/26]

204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the removal of the deemed disposal rule for certain classes of investments will be considered for Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [9553/26]

205. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will increase the house price ceiling to qualify for the help-to-buy-scheme. — Séamus McGrath. [10093/26]

206. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has approved, or intends to approve, in principle, any policy direction arising from the Revenue Commissioners' consultation on the modernisation of withholding taxes, including professional services withholding tax and relevant contracts tax, that would involve increased reporting frequency or real-time or near-real-time integration between businesses' accounting or financial systems and the Revenue Commissioners; if he is satisfied that such an approach would be proportionate for small and medium-sized

enterprises, particularly those operated by non-professional bookkeepers; if a cost-benefit or behavioural impact assessment has been carried out at policy level within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [8195/26]

207. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the further measures being considered by his Department to combat the illicit tobacco trade, considering the year-on-year decrease in the volume and value of illicit tobacco products seized in 2025, as per the Revenue Commissioners headline results for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [10060/26]

208. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for the current geographic scope of the Living City Initiative and other tax reliefs relating to the refurbishment and conversion of above the shop and derelict residential units; whether his Department has examined the potential extension of such reliefs beyond their existing designated areas in order to support the reactivation of vacant and derelict properties for residential use on a wider basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10086/26]

209. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider the introduction of tax relief similar to that on dialysis machines, for oxygen machines for the treatment of lung fibrosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9543/26]

210. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount by which he proposes to raise the price of petrol, diesel and home heating oil through increases to the carbon tax, in each year until 2030. — Matt Carthy. [10074/26]

211. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will make the carer's allowance and carer's benefit tax exempt and non-means-tested, the same as other social welfare supports including disability allowance, jobseeker's allowance, domiciliary care allowance and child benefit, in recognition of carers saving the State over €20 billion each year through their unpaid care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [9945/26]

212. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the group B and group C thresholds under capital acquisitions tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [10068/26]

213. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount raised through the carbon tax in the years 2019 to 2024; and the amount projected to be raised in the years 2025 to 2030, by year. — Matt Carthy. [10073/26]

214. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he plans to review DIRT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [9955/26]

215. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider establishing a State-led insurance scheme to assist householders who cannot avail of home insurance due to prior flooding events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [10085/26]

216. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown of credit unions who have invested in the Credit Union Approved Housing Body fund since its inception; the amounts invested; the total number of housing units delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [9532/26]

217. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will make the rent tax credit available to HAP tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9558/26]

218. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of rent tax credits claimed in Galway during the past year for which full year data is available; the number of the credits that were claimed in relation to student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [9556/26]

219. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason taxpayers in the South are not able to claim tax relief for their child's student accommodation costs incurred at universities in the North; if consideration will be given to including student accommodation costs in the North in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9940/26]

220. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when the Living City Initiative expansion for Dundalk and Drogheda will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [9739/26]

221. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total 2025 tax receipts in income tax, VAT and corporation tax; the way in which these compare to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9957/26]

222. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he plans to launch a transparency code as included in the Action Plan on Insurance Reform as the first priority action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [9551/26]

223. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that the Government and the Central Bank are acting in accordance with the recommendations set out in the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure, Public Services Reform and Digitalisation, and Taoiseach's Report on the Israeli Bond Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [10055/26]

224. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on his preparations for Ireland's EU Presidency; the way in which he plans to oversee budgetary discussions on the next Multiannual Financial Framework post-2027 in a manner that will safeguard Ireland's fiscal interests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [9727/26]

225. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which the Government intends to remain within the net expenditure growth ceiling set out in Ireland's Medium-Term Fiscal and Structural Plan, given the projected upward pressure from age-related spending over the 2025–2029 adjustment period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [9953/26]

226. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider amending the capital acquisition tax rules in order that those who are childless can leave a greater amount to loved ones in their will without a large tax bill being incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9958/26]

227. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will report on his engagement regarding the EU Multiannual Financial Framework post-2027. — Cathy Bennett. [10075/26]

228. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the up-to-date position on publication of a national financial literacy strategy to support improved financial knowledge and understanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10061/26]

229. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the further measures he intends to introduce in 2026 to support households facing significant increases in mortgage repayments due to interest rate hikes; if he will consider expanding or extending the existing mortgage interest relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [10069/26]

230. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any consideration or investigation is underway since Budget 2026 to assess the appropriateness of a VAT reduction to stimulate the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [9540/26]

231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will outline the progress he has made with regard to divesting State monies from companies which derive profits from their activities in the occupied Palestinian territories. — Cathy Bennett. [10076/26]

232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has examined the potential of schemes to allow savers to invest more of Ireland’s substantial household deposit savings into products which directly fund the delivery of major Irish public infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [10071/26]

233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount collected in stamp duty for residential properties in 2025; and the proportion of this amount applicable to first-time buyers. — Séamus McGrath. [10094/26]

234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing tax incentives or reliefs to encourage developers to invest in building hotels in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [10088/26]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*235. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9928/26]

\*236. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the ‘Budget 2026: Spotlight on Disability’ report recently published by his Department. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9929/26]

\*237. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore energy clearinghouse. — Jennifer Whitmore. [9930/26]

\*238. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced. — Malcolm Byrne. [9439/26]

\*239. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9457/26]

\*240. To ask the Taoiseach to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10163/26]

\*241. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 1152 of 4 February 2026, the costs to date, including start-up cost of Ireland's Covid-19 evaluation; if he will provide incurred costs by heading (details supplied) and the number of staff working on the evaluation. — Aidan Farrelly. [10361/26]

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

\*242. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to comments made at an event (details supplied), if there has been any further correspondence from the UN Special Rapporteur on Racism addressing this matter since last year. — Pádraig Rice. [9001/26]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to comments made at an event (details supplied), if he will provide details of how the IHRA Definition was 'formally adopted' by the Government in January 2025; if this decision was approved by Cabinet; if so, if he will provide the date of the Cabinet meeting which decided same. — Pádraig Rice. [9000/26]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to introduce a reduced rate for pensioners or the option to apply for a three year or five year passport, as currently people in receipt of a pension must pay full price and apply for a 10-year passport regardless of their age, with a cost upwards of €75; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [9882/26]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her Department's position on a matter (details provided); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9211/26]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will give a clear and unambiguous commitment to the House that Ireland will stand by its position regarding the EU–Mercosur trade agreement (details supplied); and if she will confirm that the Government recognises the wider significance of this case for other EU trade agreements, including CETA, where Ireland was given explicit assurances on sovereignty, democratic consent, and constitutional limits. — Ken O'Flynn. [8871/26]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within her Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9431/26]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which her Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9449/26]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on and her plans to engage in further awareness raising of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine noting that the 24 February 2026 will mark the fourth anniversary of the 2022 invasion. — Malcolm Byrne. [9468/26]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if sanctions have been implemented against any Irish citizen, company or entity as a result of their support for the Russian government since the 2022 invasion of Ukraine by Russia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9469/26]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the recommendations of the Draghi Report on EU Competitiveness which fall within her remit; to specify which of those recommendations have been implemented to date, including concrete examples of actions taken; and the further measures planned or under consideration by her Department to advance competitiveness in line with the report. — Albert Dolan. [9616/26]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether he will raise the case of a political prisoner in Iran with the Government and embassy of that country, or with his international counterparts (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9810/26]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to complaints in relation to the use of the imagery of St. Bridget in the recent campaign led by her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9885/26]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the way in which the campaign led by her Department (details supplied) was designed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9886/26]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to the allegations in relation to the treatment of a political prisoner (details supplied) in Iran; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9891/26]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions she will take to raise the case of a political prisoner in Iran (details supplied) at an EU Council level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9892/26]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions she will take to raise the case of a political prisoner in Iran (details supplied) at an international level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9893/26]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any engagement she has had with the Irish Ambassador in Iran in relation to the case of a political prisoner in Iran (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9894/26]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any engagement she has had with the Iranian Embassy in Ireland in relation to the case of a political prisoner in Iran (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9895/26]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the process by which the Saint Brigid's Day 2026 advertising and digital media campaign was commissioned by her Department; the officials or units involved in its commissioning and approval; the date on which final approval was given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9996/26]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the policy objectives underpinning the portrayal of Saint Brigid in the Department's Saint Brigid's Day 2026 advertising and digital

media campaign; the guidance or criteria applied when determining how religious or cultural figures are represented in State-funded campaigns; and if she will provide the documentation or policy framework governing such decisions. — Ken O’Flynn. [9997/26]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the oversight mechanisms, safeguards, or review processes that are in place within her Department to ensure that religious figures associated with Irish heritage are not used in a manner that could reasonably be regarded as ideologically partisan or disrespectful to their historical and religious context in State-funded promotional material. — Ken O’Flynn. [9998/26]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has received complaints or representations from members of the public regarding the Saint Brigid’s Day 2026 advertising or digital media campaign; the number and general nature of such complaints to date; and the steps, if any, are being taken to review, amend, or withdraw material that has caused offence. — Ken O’Flynn. [9999/26]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she considers it appropriate for the Department to use religious figures in State-funded campaigns without explicit reference to their religious identity; and whether she intends to review departmental practice in this area in light of public concern. — Ken O’Flynn. [10000/26]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under her remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10155/26]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [10184/26]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 167 of 4 February 2026, the total budget allocated to the contract held by her Department for the provision of digital content production services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10201/26]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 167 of 4 February 2026, when the current St. Brigid’s Day campaign will end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10202/26]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has raised concerns with the European Commission regarding proposed cuts of EU humanitarian funding to Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf, Algeria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10285/26]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Irish Consulate General based in Miami has met and or spoken in an official capacity with the Mayor of Orlando to-date in 2026. — Aidan Farrelly. [10302/26]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the amount collected in passport fees in each month of 2025 and to-date in 2026; if she will include a breakdown by amount and fee type, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [10303/26]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports reported as lost and stolen for each year from 2019 to date in 2026. — Aidan Farrelly. [10304/26]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Government plans to make a submission to the European Court on Mercosur; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [6720/26]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has raised legal concerns with the European Commission regarding the plan to designate humanitarian assistance as a benefit accrued under a trade agreement in the case of the amendments to the EU-Morocco Association Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10346/26]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether Ireland has raised at EU level the Knesset bills introducing a form of racialised capital punishment against the Palestinian people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10347/26]

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

\*276. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to assist Cromane and Brandon fishermen in regard to the salmon conservation measures for 2026 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9351/26]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether planning requirements, management company approval processes or electricity grid connection arrangements have been assessed as barriers to the deployment of plug in or small scale solar generation in apartment developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9562/26]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position Ireland has taken in EU discussions regarding the European Commission's proposal to impose a daily limit of three pollock per angler on the charter boat and recreational sea angling sector; if his Department has carried out any socio-economic assessment of the impact this measure would have on coastal tourism and charter angling businesses; if he has engaged with representatives of the sector; the scientific evidence underpinning the proposed restriction; and whether Ireland intends to seek amendments or exemptions for the charter angling sector in view of its very low impact on pollock stock levels compared to large commercial trawlers, and its significance to rural coastal economies. — John Connolly. [9182/26]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he can advise in relation to an application for the warmer homes scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9279/26]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the supports or grants that are available to a single mother working part time who owns a BER G rated property with a gas boiler to replace this boiler; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9283/26]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat

analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9425/26]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9443/26]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a breakdown of national gas demand, by sector included from data centres for the years 2023 to 2025; if he will provide data on the changes in demand for each sector over the past two years; and his views on the implications of this demand for Ireland's energy and climate goals. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9520/26]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether grid congestion, delays in renewable energy connections and gaps in offshore wind infrastructure delivery have been assessed in terms of their impact on electricity costs for households and businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9563/26]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reasons the sectoral emissions ceilings for the period 2026 to 2030 have not yet been finalised, notwithstanding the provisions of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Amendment Act 2021; when these ceilings are expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9571/26]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has assessed the impact of delays in finalising sectoral emissions ceilings on sectoral planning, infrastructure investment decisions and project delivery across the energy, transport and housing sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9572/26]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has examined the implications of delayed sectoral emissions ceilings and delivery pathways for Ireland's ability to meet its legally binding 2030 emissions reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9573/26]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether regulatory or policy restrictions on private wire electricity connections have been assessed in terms of their impact on renewable energy deployment, including direct connections between generation and nearby demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9576/26]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether limitations on private wire connections for large energy users have been assessed in terms of their effect on sourcing electricity directly from new renewable projects and the resulting demand placed on the public electricity grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9578/26]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the adequacy of long duration electricity storage capacity has been assessed in the context of renewable curtailment, grid constraints and system security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9579/26]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the proposed Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations for 2026 will alter the licence conditions applicable to traditionally licensed draft-net fishermen; whether such licence holders will be permitted to operate on the same basis as in the 2025 season; the consultation that has taken place with affected net-fishing licence holders in advance of these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [9668/26]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the projected electricity demand, by sector to 2030 and the assumptions underpinning these projections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9703/26]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total public and consumer costs arising from electricity system constraints in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9705/26]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the cost to consumers of delayed renewable deployment has been compared with the cost of accelerating grid, storage and renewable infrastructure investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9707/26]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the full delivery chain required for offshore wind deployment; the elements presenting the greatest delivery risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9711/26]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of renewable energy projects that have sought private wire electricity connections in each of the past five years; the number approved; the number refused or delayed; and the reasons provided at an aggregate level, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9713/26]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether any estimate has been made of the additional renewable electricity generation capacity that could be delivered through wider use of private wire connections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9714/26]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of offshore wind projects that have received maritime area consent but have not progressed due to port, grid or supply chain constraints; the estimated generation capacity involved, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9717/26]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the cost of delayed renewable deployment and electricity grid reinforcement has been assessed in terms of impacts on wholesale electricity prices and consumer bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9720/26]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the delivery capacity of State bodies responsible for electricity grid development, planning and offshore renewable infrastructure has been assessed against the scale of delivery required to meet 2030 targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9721/26]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the cumulative offshore wind generation capacity that is consented, planned or in development; the proportion dependent on grid or port infrastructure that is not yet operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9733/26]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated grid connection timelines for offshore wind projects currently in the development pipeline, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9734/26]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated financial cost of electricity grid congestion and delayed renewable connections to the State, consumers and businesses in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9749/26]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether workforce capacity within electricity grid operators, planning authorities and consenting bodies has been assessed against the scale of infrastructure delivery required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9750/26]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the new individual energy upgrade grant for windows and doors is available to households who have ordered windows and doors for delivery in March 2026. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9788/26]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if a retrospective element is available under the new individual energy upgrade grant for windows and doors for households who were advised by the SEAI that standalone grants were not available for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9789/26]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of funding that was allocated for the solar PV scheme for medically vulnerable customers; the number of individuals that have received the solar panel grant since it was launched; and what the process of selection is/was; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [10047/26]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10149/26]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will review eligibility criteria for new windows and door grants, particularly wall insulation requirements, to ensure older homes built before cavity wall standards and occupied by older households are not excluded such as in a case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [10253/26]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline progress with respect to the implementation of the EU Methane Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [10300/26]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the difference between taskforce on energy affordability, and the cross departmental group of energy poverty in the last Government; the new organisations, bodies or departments which are represented in the NEAT; the members of NEAT which were represented at the previous group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10317/26]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which his Department plans to address vulnerabilities in the State's electricity transmission grid highlighted by recent extreme weather events, including storm Éowyn, particularly in the context of climate change; the measures being taken to manage existing levels of curtailment and constraint on the system ahead of significant offshore wind integration; the way he plans to mitigate electricity grid operating risks in the period to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10445/26]

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

\*313. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the deployment of towed array sonar; whether it is compatible with existing vessels; or if new vessels will be needed to facilitate this new technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [9263/26]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within her Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9427/26]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which her Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9445/26]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Defence if she is aware that members of the Defence Forces with over 21 years' service are currently being discharged; if she is aware of any directives from her Department to discharge up to 1,000 personnel from the Defence Forces; and if any member of the Defence Forces who wishes to remain in service will be afforded the option to do so, particularly given the ongoing retention challenges within the Defence Forces. — Ken O'Flynn. [9781/26]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under her remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10151/26]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Defence the capital works projects currently ongoing at Haulbowline Naval Base; and when each of those capital works projects will be completed, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [10310/26]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Defence the capital works projects currently ongoing at Casement Aerodrome; and when each of those capital works projects will be completed, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [10311/26]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Defence the rationale for her Department not engaging with the Office of Public Works or with Áras an Uachtaráin in relation to a proposal to name a section of the Phoenix Park 3km Chesterfield Avenue in honour of General Charles de Gaulle; whether any consideration has been given to Ireland's historical links with France, including the legacy of the Wild Geese, General de Gaulle's documented Irish family connections, his famous stay at the Áras and international practice in a number of capitals of commemorating him through place naming; whether his role as co-founder of the European project has been considered in this context; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10345/26]

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

\*321. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm that the nightly file from his Department to An Garda Síochána includes the disqualification status of every driving licence and includes the driver number; if the information is provided with a real-time view of the driving licence status, to be used by frontline Gardaí on mobility devices at the roadside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [10288/26]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand the blue badge scheme for accessible parking to include those with epidermolysis bullosa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10343/26]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Transport when the regulations he has indicated will implement a total ban on the use of scrambler bikes and other off-road vehicles in public places will be made and commenced; whether the draft text of those regulations has been finalised; and if he will provide the anticipated commencement date and scope of the proposed prohibition. — Ken O'Flynn. [11393/26]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Transport the sections of the Road Traffic Act 2023 that have not been implemented/commenced to date; the reason for the delays; the regulations that have yet to be brought in; and proposed date for commencement.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [9126/26]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm if PSO flights from Donegal to Dublin will continue as they are or if any changes will be made in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9199/26]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a matter (details supplied) and his plans to the address the matter. — Pa Daly. [9210/26]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Transport when his Department plans to approve the Strategic Assessment Report for the Cork southern distributor link multi-modal route, in light of the fact that the NTA in furtherance of a referral from his Department to a previous PQ, have confirmed (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9221/26]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Transport the legislation or regulation that governs the permitted brightness levels of car lights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9236/26]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Transport that governs the permitted brightness levels of motorbike lights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9237/26]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the legislation or regulation that governs the permitted brightness levels of bicycle lights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9238/26]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the legislation or regulation that governs the permitted brightness levels of electric scooter lights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9239/26]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of engaging with car suppliers in Ireland in relation to the potential dangers of having lights on cars that are too bright, causing potential danger to other road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9240/26]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with the RSA or any other organisation in relation to the potential dangers of having lights on cars that are too bright, causing potential danger to other road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9241/26]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on legislation to ban the use of scramblers in public spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9248/26]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the governance controls in place to monitor and regulate the use of VIP or platinum packages by DAA board members, whether these are classified as benefit-in-kind; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9288/26]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm whether any audits or internal investigations have been carried out into the personal use of VIP services by DAA board members, and if so, to publish the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [9289/26]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of any instances where VIP packages at DAA have resulted in personal expenditure by board members exceeding €30,000 annually, and if he will make a statement on the accountability measures. — Ken O'Flynn. [9290/26]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or his Department has been made aware whether through complaints, reports, or other communications of any potential misuse of VIP services by DAA board members; and if so, what action was taken. — Ken O'Flynn. [9291/26]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department provides any specific guidance or policy on the acceptable use of DAA facilities or VIP packages by board members; and if he will make a statement on the policy framework. — Ken O'Flynn. [9292/26]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will amend the CIÉ superannuation scheme for those who have not received an increase in their pension for the past 18 years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9350/26]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Transport to address a number of issues in the Tralee area (details supplied), including additional bus routes and the provision of clear signage for bus stops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9392/26]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9440/26]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9458/26]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Transport his current plans to regulate scrambler bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [9459/26]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Transport the action he is taking to ensure that the effective closure of the M11 at Kilmacanogue as witnessed on 28 January 2026 does not happen again; if there are realistic alternatives for those travelling between counties Wicklow and Wexford, and Dublin. — Malcolm Byrne. [9470/26]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the offence of ‘failure to obey traffic rules at railway level crossing’ only incurs two penalty points while ‘failure to obey traffic lights’ incurs three penalty points; and if he will consider increasing the former to match the latter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9512/26]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road deaths and injuries which involve crashes where one or more vehicle drivers (including of bicycles-with-engines-attached, scramblers, normal motorbikes, cars, and tractors) do not have a driving license for the vehicle they are driving at the time of the crash; whether the person driving the scrambler in the case of a person (details supplied) had an appropriate driving licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9513/26]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Transport whether a coordinated national strategy is in place or in development to provide offshore renewable energy marshalling and laydown capacity, including any review of the National Ports Policy and associated capital funding mechanisms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9525/26]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of port infrastructure development required to support offshore renewable energy, including offshore wind marshalling capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9580/26]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver numbers that have been added to the Irish Motor Insurance Database in 2024 and in 2025; the number of driver numbers that have been added each year of named drivers insured on a motor insurance policy. — Emer Currie. [9585/26]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner permit holders’ driver numbers that have been added to the Irish Motor Insurance Database in 2024 and in 2025. — Emer Currie. [9586/26]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider a route extension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9653/26]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify if his Department recognises an organisation (details supplied) as representing coast guard members who are now members of that union; if the Department will enter into formal negotiations with the organisation in respect of those volunteers; and if not, to set out the specific legal or policy basis relied upon in refusing to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9663/26]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Transport whether new legislation to regulate e-scooters will restrict their use on public footpaths, greenways, and in public parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9677/26]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a bus service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9688/26]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Transport the current heavy lift capacity, quay length and laydown space available across Irish ports for offshore renewable energy construction; the way in which this compares with projected offshore wind deployment requirements to 2030, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9718/26]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request TII to provide E150,000 to allow Kerry County Council to submit a planning application (details supplied) to Coimisiún Pleanála as a matter of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9722/26]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of offshore wind projects that have identified Irish ports as construction or marshalling locations, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9735/26]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the absence of fully operational offshore wind marshalling ports has resulted in project delays, increased costs or loss of investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9736/26]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the speed limit for a junction will be reduced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [9808/26]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of private jet flights which landed and departed in the State from 2023 to 2025 respectively, under the 'Business Aviation' segment of the EUROCONTROL market segment rules classification, excluding military or diplomatic flights; to provide a breakdown in each year of where those flights landed and departed from, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [9809/26]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of each category of train ticket sold for Dublin-Waterford train services in 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [9839/26]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will introduce a code of practice for parking operators as exists in other jurisdictions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [9877/26]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of money invested by his Department, through Transport Infrastructure Ireland, in greenways, each year since responsibility for greenways was handed over to them; the location and length of each greenway developed to date, and the annual usage of them, broken down between cycling and walking; the way in which this is measured; if he is happy his Department is getting value for money for the expenditure on greenways; and whether it is intended to focus further expenditure on greenways in the future on the areas of greatest demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [9880/26]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that have been taken to fulfil the commitment in the Programme for Government to 'commission an independent feasibility study into continuing MetroLink from the city to south-west Dublin' and in particular steps taken to identify

the independent body and to have full public oversight and consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [9884/26]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Transport to set out, in respect of the Blarney, Glanmire and Ballyvolane growth corridors in Cork City and County, which public transport and sustainable transport projects have received Ministerial approval to proceed to planning, design, or delivery; which of those projects have capital funding allocated under the current National Development Plan or Capital Plan to 2030; and the project stage each approved scheme is currently at. — Ken O'Flynn. [10010/26]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Transport the formal delivery milestones, timelines, or reporting requirements his Department has set for the National Transport Authority in respect of transport infrastructure and service delivery for the Blarney, Glanmire and Ballyvolane growth corridors to 2030; and the way his Department monitors compliance with those expectations. — Ken O'Flynn. [10011/26]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the Blarney growth corridor, to detail the Ministerial decisions taken to date regarding the proposed Blarney or Stoneview rail station and associated public transport infrastructure; whether funding has been approved in principle or allocated for planning or delivery; and the indicative sequencing for progression within the lifetime of the current Capital Plan. — Ken O'Flynn. [10012/26]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the Glanmire growth corridor, to outline the public transport and bus priority measures approved by his Department for progression under BusConnects Cork or related programmes; whether these measures have secured Ministerial funding approval; and the timeframe within which his Department expects those schemes to advance through planning and delivery stages. — Ken O'Flynn. [10013/26]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify whether the Ballyvolane growth corridor is included or excluded from planned public transport or sustainable transport investment programmes to 2030; the policy or planning basis for that position; and whether any proposals relating to Ballyvolane have received Ministerial consideration or approval for funding, planning, or assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [10014/26]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Transport the total allocation made by his Department and Transport Infrastructure Ireland for works in respect of the N72 in 2026; if he will provide details of each individual allocation, including scope, amount and location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [10043/26]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of taxi operators in Killarney, County Kerry that have received the grant to enable them to equip their taxis for wheelchair accessibility in 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [10105/26]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Transport if it can be ensured proper skirting and drainage works takes place on our primary, secondary, tertiary and local roads to ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and all who use these roads. — Danny Healy-Rae. [10117/26]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Transport if plans are in place to develop a motorway and a rail service between Dún na nGall agus Gaillimh (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [10131/26]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has requested or secured funding from European Union Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) in respect of the Dart+ West and Dart+ South-West projects; and if not, his plans to secure funding via CEF. — Aidan Farrelly. [10136/26]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cancellations there have been by NDLS in Donegal in the past three years; the reason for cancellation; and the average waiting time for applicants from Donegal. — Paul Murphy. [10137/26]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10164/26]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Transport the current situation with respect to the toll contract for the Rathcormac-Fermoy Bypass on the M8 in County Cork; when it is expected that this contract will end; the plans to renew this contract or to tender for a new operator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [10193/26]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a case of an elderly passenger (details supplied) who was medically unfit to travel, notified Aer Lingus in advance, and provided hospital admission documentation, yet has not received a response or determination in respect of a refund request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10199/26]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered a review of driving tester distribution and infrastructure planning to account for the distribution of demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10315/26]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Transport the dates on which he has met the RSA since taking up office; the dates on which he has met with the RSA over the course of the previous Government, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10316/26]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide and update on the punctuality and reliability review for the 109 bus service on the M3 corridor into Dublin that commenced on 23 November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10318/26]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement his Department has with airlines operating in the State regarding compassionate refund policies and customer service standards for elderly or medically unfit passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10342/26]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting times with mean, median and mode, from date of application to date of NCT tests in every test centre nationwide, by constituency, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [10371/26]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of refurbishment works that were carried out at Connolly train station during 2025; the refurbishment works that are scheduled to be carried out at this train station in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [10385/26]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of refurbishment works that were carried at Claremorris train station during 2025; the refurbishment works that are scheduled to be carried out at this station in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [10386/26]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of refurbishment works that were carried out at Limerick Junction train station during 2025; the refurbishment works that are scheduled to be carried out at this station in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [10387/26]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite the payment of the CIÉ pensions increases without further delay given the pension agreement was reached on 15 August 2025 and in view of the fact pensioners have fallen into poverty caused by the delay of signing the Statutory Instrument. — Shay Brennan. [10389/26]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the current status of the National Ports Policy; the reason for the delay in its publication; the revised timeline for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10415/26]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide further details in respect of his plans to introduce the mandatory wearing of helmets and high visibility items in respect of standard e-bike and e-scooter users; if he has drafted new regulations and or legislation in respect of same; if he will provide his timeline for introduction; and if he will further clarify his and his officials plans as to whether users of non e-bikes and scooters will be subject to same (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [10422/26]

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

\*391. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department or the Revenue Commissioners publish figures on actual Exchequer tax revenue generated specifically from carer's allowance and carer's benefit; if so, to provide those figures for the past three tax years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9339/26]

\*392. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline impacts of the Revenue Commissioners case (details supplied) on the arts sector; if he will provide specific guidance via his own Department, the Arts Council or other relevant bodies to the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [9665/26]

\*393. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to review issues raised with this Deputy (details supplied); the steps his Department has taken or will take to counter same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9853/26]

\*394. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing an equivalent flood insurance scheme as the flood re-insurance scheme in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [9228/26]

\*395. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the annual value of cigarettes confiscated by the State for non-payment of customs or other taxes or duties, for each year from 2016 to 2025 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9275/26]

\*396. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to report on the total operating costs of running the NTMA and ISIF, on assets under the management of both entities; and the proportion of the former to the latter in bps terms, on an annual basis, for each entity. — Eoin Hayes. [9280/26]

\*397. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will confirm that carer's allowance and carer's benefit are treated as taxable income for income tax purposes; to clarify under which tax codes or Revenue rules this treatment is applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9336/26]

\*398. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of recipients of carer's allowance which were newly contacted by Revenue during the most recent tax year in respect of tax liabilities arising from carer's allowance; the total amount of tax assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9338/26]

\*399. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he would consider introducing tax relief for PAYE individuals who engage the services of an accountant for the purposes of their tax return and incur fees. — Séamus McGrath. [9357/26]

\*400. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details in relation to levies applied to ESB worker pensions during the financial crash; whether these levies are still being applied; and if it is intended to end them at a future point. — Séamus McGrath. [9393/26]

\*401. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9430/26]

\*402. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9448/26]

\*403. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will comment on the impact of the Revenue Commissioners case (details supplied) on workers in the arts sector, particularly concerning employee and contractor classifications pursuant to the recent Revenue guidelines for determining employment status for taxation purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [9667/26]

\*404. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to clarify, based on an article published in (details supplied) on 16 January 2026, in relation to the capital acquisitions tax treatment of life assurance policies loophole mentioned in this article, the number of clear-cut avoidance cases which Revenue have identified to date; if these transactions fall under the Revenue's Mandatory Disclosure Regime; if any mandatory disclosures were made; if any civil penalties have been sought or applied, and if so, the total amount.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [9672/26]

\*405. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if a company (details supplied) are in receipt of monies from the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund (ISIF); if the company is allowed to use said monies to fund expenses (including legal representation, engineering reports and expert consultant opinions) they are incurring as part of their quest to obtain planning permission from

An Coimisiún Pleanála to develop a windfarm in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9684/26]

\*406. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason a foot health practitioner qualification is not recognised by the Revenue Commissioners as a qualifying medical qualification for tax purposes; the criteria used by Revenue in determining which medical or health related qualifications are recognised; whether the role of foot health practitioners in providing preventative foot care, particularly for older people, people with diabetes and people with disabilities, has been considered in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9692/26]

\*407. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if there has been a change to the Revenue classification for VAT on children's clothing (details supplied); when this change happened; and if, given the cost of living crisis for many families; his office would consider returning this decision to the previous ruling. — Peadar Tóibín. [9793/26]

\*408. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason there is such a backlog in queries relating to the office of the Ombudsman; and if he will provide a timeline of when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on their case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [9914/26]

\*409. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to establish the reason the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI), in violation of international law and in direct breach of the recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee Report on the Israeli Bonds Programme, transferred, on Israel's request, the Israel bonds prospectus to the Commission de Secteur du Financier in Luxembourg, given that the CBI had sole and absolute discretion to refuse that transfer request, and thereby end authorisation of the sale of Israel bonds in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9946/26]

\*410. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of applications received and approved under (a) Transfer of Business relief and (b) Returned Goods Relief in respect of construction tools brought into the State by returning Irish citizens in each of the past five years; the number refused in each case; and the principal grounds for refusal. — Ken O'Flynn. [10001/26]

\*411. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will outline the position in respect of Irish citizens returning to live and work in the State as employees in the construction sector who bring personally owned tools with them from non-EU countries; and if he accepts that such individuals are excluded from Transfer of Business relief under current rules. — Ken O'Flynn. [10002/26]

\*412. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has undertaken any assessment of the impact of Customs Duty and VAT charges on construction tools on the return of skilled Irish tradespeople from outside the EU, in light of acknowledged labour shortages in the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [10003/26]

\*413. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the average processing time for applications under Transfer of Business relief involving tools of the trade; the documentation most commonly outstanding or queried by Revenue; and whether any guidance has been issued to streamline applications for returning Irish citizens. — Ken O'Flynn. [10004/26]

\*414. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to extending relief from Customs Duty and VAT on tools of the trade to returning Irish citizens employed in the construction sector who do not meet the sole-trader criteria for Transfer of Business relief; and if not, the reason for this position. — Ken O’Flynn. [10005/26]

\*415. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amounts of payment fraud in Ireland in 2022, 2023 and 2024, broken down by payment instrument; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [10034/26]

\*416. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the average credit union housing loan issued to end December 2024 and to end December 2025; the total amount of outstanding housing loans issued by credit unions to end December 2024 and to end December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [10035/26]

\*417. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount of SEPA instant payments made in Ireland to December 2025; and the average payment value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [10036/26]

\*418. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the point at which it becomes a matter for the Houses of the Oireachtas when a statutory tribunal confirms an accountability gap that only the executive has the power to fix (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10038/26]

\*419. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the way in which Ireland can insulate itself from potential trade shocks that may arise from recent events in Venezuela. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [1753/26]

\*420. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the outcome of his recent visit to California in respect of Ireland’s economic and financial relationship with the State; the discussions held on investment, job creation and engagement with multinational employers; whether any commitments or opportunities for further inward investment or expansion in Ireland arose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10106/26]

\*421. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance how fiscal policy will move beyond once-off supports to permanently reduce cost-of-living pressures for low and middle-income households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10107/26]

\*422. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the threshold for help-to-buy applicants from €500,000 in Budget 2026 in view of the increase in housing and construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10108/26]

\*423. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider broadening the scope of professions included in the guidelines for flat-rate expenses for self-supplied uniforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10109/26]

\*424. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 397–403 of 27 January 2026, to clarify whether Section 851A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 prevents the Revenue Commissioners from providing aggregated and anonymised statistical information (details supplied); and, if such information cannot be provided, to identify the specific statutory provision relied upon to withhold each category of aggregate data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10140/26]

\*425. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any estimate, internal model or fiscal impact analysis was prepared by the Revenue Commissioners or his Department regarding the cost to the Exchequer of limiting Karshan-related liabilities to the years 2024–2025, instead of applying the Supreme Court judgment retrospectively; if no such estimate was prepared, to explain if the Government considered that this limitation confers a selective fiscal advantage on participating employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10141/26]

\*426. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 399–404 of 27 January 2026, whether the Revenue Commissioners obtained any written legal advice of any kind (including internal Revenue legal advice, advice from external counsel or advice from any departmental legal unit) specifically addressing: the compatibility of the Karshan Disclosure Opportunity with Articles 107 and 108 TFEU (on State aid); the obligation of prior notification under Article 108(3) TFEU; the principle of sincere cooperation under Article 4(3) TEU; to publish any such advice or if none exists, to confirm explicitly that no written legal advice addressing these EU-law issues was obtained prior to the implementation of the Karshan Disclosure Opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10142/26]

\*427. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10154/26]

\*428. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of inheritance tax that has been paid by group a, group b and group c in each of the last ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [10194/26]

\*429. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the average value of businesses that have been inherited in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [10195/26]

\*430. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the average value of farms that have been inherited in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [10196/26]

\*431. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to end the Central Bank's facilitation of the sale of Israeli bonds in the EU, given that the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, and Taoiseach, in its report on the Israeli bonds programme, published on 5 August 2025, unanimously found that these bonds assist the financing of Israel's violations of human rights and contravening international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10227/26]

\*432. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the development of the roadmap referenced in Budget 2026 concerning the simplification and adaptation of the tax framework for retail investment (details supplied); the progress made to date in preparing this roadmap; whether engagement has taken place with stakeholders or with the European Commission regarding its recommendation on savings and investment accounts; and the expected timeline for its publication early in 2026, as indicated in his written response of 4 November 2025. — John Connolly. [10290/26]

\*433. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline whether persons affected by changes in the methods of enforcement and/or taxation of a State pension while in receipt of an additional occupational pension were informed of these changes in advance; the degree to which

these communications were issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [10330/26]

\*434. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has considered the interaction between U.S. federal estate tax and Irish capital acquisitions tax where Irish residents hold U.S. situs assets. — Shay Brennan. [10348/26]

\*435. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department is satisfied that current unilateral relief under Section 107 of the Capital Acquisitions Tax Consolidation Act 2003 adequately protects the Irish tax base, given that U.S. estate tax rates commonly exceed Irish CAT rates, thereby frequently reducing the Irish CAT yield on such assets to nil. — Shay Brennan. [10349/26]

\*436. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has examined the feasibility and fiscal impact of introducing a narrowly targeted CGT-neutral restructuring mechanism to allow Irish residents to transfer direct U.S. situs securities into Irish or EU regulated funds without triggering immediate capital gains tax, subject to anti-abuse safeguards. — Shay Brennan. [10350/26]

\*437. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the appropriateness of the €100,000 limit on savings applicable to the credit union sector as outlined in regulation 35 of SI 1 of 2016 as amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [10406/26]

\*438. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether a cross-agency review involving Revenue is underway in relation to an employment model, corporate governance, and franchise practices (details supplied). — Johnny Guirke. [10761/26]

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

\*439. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the protections available to franchisees or workers of a company (details supplied) who make protected disclosures regarding corporate governance, employment status, or misconduct. — Johnny Guirke. [10232/26]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 319 of 15 January 2026, if he considers there to be an inconsistency between the idea that prescriptive approaches can disadvantage candidates, and that a requirement for fixed in-person interviews effectively excludes all overseas candidates unless they can travel at short notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [9194/26]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the oversight mechanisms in place within his Department to ensure that public procurement processes are protected from bid-rigging and cartel behaviour; whether any red-flag or data-screening systems are used across State procurement frameworks; and if he will provide details of same. — Ken O’Flynn. [9323/26]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Office of Government Procurement has issued guidance, training, or mandatory protocols to contracting authorities on identifying and responding to suspected cartel or collusive bidding behaviour; the date of the most recent guidance issued; and the level of compliance across Departments and State bodies. — Ken O’Flynn. [9324/26]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department maintains or has access to centralised data on bidding patterns for large State contracts across sectors; whether such data is analysed for indicators of anti-competitive behaviour; and if he will outline any plans to strengthen data-driven oversight in this area. — Ken O’Flynn. [9325/26]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has considered the fiscal risk posed to the Exchequer by cartel activity and bid-rigging in public procurement; whether this risk is reflected in any expenditure control, value-for-money, or public spending review processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9326/26]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on each ongoing, and proposed, flood relief scheme in County Donegal, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [9394/26]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9436/26]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9454/26]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether a consistent cost benefit and fiscal sustainability assessment framework is applied across major energy, transport and electricity grid infrastructure projects funded under the National Development Plan; whether this framework has been reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9574/26]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if no central monitoring or enforcement mechanism exists to ensure consistent publication of procurement-related payment data in machine-readable formats across the public service; his views that this results in uneven transparency standards between Departments and agencies; and whether he will consider issuing updated guidance or a circular to standardise publication formats in the interest of transparency, re-use and public accountability. — Albert Dolan. [9605/26]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total value of overpayments to Ministers current and former; the total outstanding overpayments; the total outstanding overpayment for which no repayment plan is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9644/26]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the maximum duration applied to a payment plan in place for any Minister both current and former; the dates that all Ministerial overpayment letters were sent; the number of queries received by NSSO; the number of queries received by the NSSO from Ministers not currently engaged in a repayment plan as of 10 January 2026; the number of appeals received by the NSSO as of 10 January 2026; the number of appeals received within the 21 calendar days from the issuing of the overpayment letters; the number of second overpayment letters issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9645/26]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he believes in the need for good-quality, publicly-available financial information of the non-profit sector in the interest of identifying funding gaps, analysing performance and promoting transparency; if he will consider reinstating funding for an organisation with such a mandate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [9664/26]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on a matter (details supplied). — Máire Devine. [9681/26]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the immediate action being taken to expediate the Slaney flood relief scheme; and when the interim measures mentioned in his recent visit to Enniscorthy will be put in place. — Johnny Mythen. [9701/26]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide emergency funding for coastal protection works at Rossbeigh Beach, Glenbeigh, County Kerry as a matter of extreme urgency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9724/26]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide emergency funding for flood relief/protection works at Cromane Lower, Killorglin, County Kerry as a matter of urgency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9725/26]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update and date of completion and commission of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9811/26]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of all capital works upgrades carried out at Dungarvan Garda station by the OPW since 2023, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [9843/26]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of all capital works upgrades carried out at Tramore Garda station by the OPW since 2023, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [9844/26]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of all capital works upgrades carried out at Waterford Garda station by the OPW since 2023, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [9845/26]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline the full set of stages of a flood relief scheme from inception to

construction; the total number of projects at a point between stage 1 and the final stage, including all schemes managed by the OPW or local authorities; the estimated cost of the entirety of these projects; and the average timeline from stage 1 to construction. — Séamus McGrath. [9849/26]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a full update on the Ballinhassig flood relief scheme; the estimated timeline for the commencement of the planning process; and the estimated cost of the project. — Séamus McGrath. [9881/26]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10160/26]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if, as part of the next public sector pay agreement, he will resolve outstanding pension issues for retired medical scientists and ensure that those who retired from 2020 onwards are placed on the same scale as those who retired from 2024 onwards, bearing in mind the findings of the Devine Report (2023); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [10197/26]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is aware of serious coastal erosion at Pilmore Beach, Youghal, County Cork; the action the OPW will take as a result; the funding that is available for the local authority to slow down coastal erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [10323/26]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10485/26]

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

\*467. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the estimated cost of the most recent bank holiday to the Irish economy. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [9652/26]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether a cross-agency review involving the Workplace Relations Commission, the Corporate Enforcement Authority, and the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission is underway in relation to an employment model, corporate governance, and franchise practices (details supplied). — Johnny Guirke. [10235/26]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration will be given by his Department working in conjunction with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration on matters relating to the cross-Border enforcement of consumer protection and road safety laws to assist those who purchase and import second hand cars from Northern Ireland and the UK and ensure that car dealers in these jurisdictions are held accountable should any issues arise after the purchase of a vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10272/26]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration will be given to the provision of a cross-Border mechanism with Northern Ireland and the UK to ensure cross-Border enforcement of consumer and road safety laws during the purchase and import of second hand vehicles, and ensure that car dealers in these jurisdictions are held accountable should any issues arise following the purchase and import of a vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10273/26]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if Ireland will be represented at the Global AI Summit in India in February 2026; if so, the nature of that representation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9273/26]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has received any briefings, reports, or risk assessments from the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission regarding cartel behaviour or bid-rigging in public procurement for State-funded projects; the dates of any such briefings since 2022; the sectors concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9320/26]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has undertaken or commissioned any assessment of the estimated cost to the Exchequer arising from cartel activity or bid-rigging in public procurement; whether any modelling exists estimating price inflation attributable to such practices; and if he will outline any findings available to his Department.. — Ken O'Flynn. [9321/26]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the legislative or policy measures are currently under consideration to strengthen the detection and deterrence of cartel behaviour in public procurement, including any proposals to enhance the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission's access to procurement data held by public bodies; and the expected timeline for any such measures. — Ken O'Flynn. [9322/26]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether there is a formal interdepartmental framework in place between his Department, the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, and the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to address cartel behaviour in public procurement; when such arrangements were established; and the way accountability and reporting are structured. — Ken O'Flynn. [9327/26]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Caherciveen and Iveragh region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9358/26]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Killarney/East Kerry region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9359/26]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Caherciveen and Iveragh region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9360/26]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Killorglin/Mid-Kerry region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9361/26]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Caherciveen and Iveragh region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9362/26]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Castleisland region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9363/26]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Listowel region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9364/26]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Tarbert/Ballylongford region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9365/26]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps the IDA is taking to attract pharmaceutical companies and multinational companies to the south; the plans in place to bring companies to the Tralee region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9366/26]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9429/26]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9447/26]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware data centres located here are being used to run an AI tool (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [9521/26]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No's 149 of 7 May 2025 and 156 of 7 October 2025, and having regard to confirmation (details supplied), whether his Department continues to receive, for Q2 2025, Q3 2025 and future quarters, the full completed reporting templates from each Government Department including the value in euros fields for payments within 15 days and within 16–30 days; and if so, to further confirm whether those value fields are held by his Department in a spreadsheet, database or other structured dataset used to compile the consolidated "Government Departments Prompt Payment Returns. — Albert Dolan. [9606/26]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of regulations his Department plans to reduce, streamline or repeal in order to improve competitiveness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [9632/26]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether, in light of the EU–India free trade agreement and associated EU mobility signalling, his Department has assessed the projected impact on employment permit application volumes by sector and nationality in 2026–2027; whether any expansion or adjustment of Critical Skills or General Employment Permit eligibility is planned; whether permit criteria, salary thresholds, and occupation lists are being calibrated with reference to housing supply and wider public service capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9773/26]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE staff, by job title and gender, working in each Enterprise Ireland offices outside of the State, by location, as of 3 February 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [9836/26]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE staff, by job title and gender, working in each IDA offices outside of the State by location, as of 3 February 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [9837/26]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if funding can be sourced to support the not-for-profit organisation (details supplied) to construct a new build extension to their present location, which will cost €2.5 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [10017/26]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department supports the creation of a new EU-wide legal statute, the “Innovative European Company” (as per the Draghi report on EU Competitiveness) to allow Irish start-ups to operate across the single market under harmonised corporate and insolvency rules; and if so, when he plans to introduce this.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [10064/26]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his position on the creation of a Vice-President for simplification at the EU level; if he plans to commit to a single methodology to quantify the cumulative cost of new regulation on Irish businesses, as per the Draghi report on EU Competitiveness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [10065/26]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10153/26]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether concerns regarding contradictions or omissions in a parent company 2024 audited accounts (details supplied) have been brought to the attention of the Corporate Enforcement Authority, and whether these matters are being examined. — Johnny Guirke. [10228/26]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has received complaints that a company (details supplied) has altered franchise terms or

operational conditions without consultation or agreement from franchisees, and whether stronger franchise-law protections are required. — Johnny Guirke. [10229/26]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether franchise associations linked to a company (details supplied) are subject to any regulatory oversight; and whether concerns have been raised regarding their effectiveness in representing franchisee interests. — Johnny Guirke. [10230/26]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has received complaints relating to allegations of bullying, coercion, intimidation, or unfair treatment of franchisees or workers, of a company (details supplied); and the company protections that exist for individuals raising such concerns. — Johnny Guirke. [10231/26]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the Workplace Relations Commission has received complaints or cases relating to workers or franchisees (details supplied) concerning employment rights, misclassification, or unfair treatment. — Johnny Guirke. [10233/26]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether concerns arising from a franchise model (details supplied) will be considered as part of any planned reform of franchise regulation, including statutory protections for franchisees and transparency obligations for franchisers. — Johnny Guirke. [10234/26]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he and or officials attached to his State aid unit reviewed and or scrutinised a decision of ISIF to support a company and the subsequent evolution of the investment (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [10444/26]

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

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding streams open to scouting organisations. — Shane Moynihan. [10402/26]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding supports currently available through her Department to support scout units and groups with dens; the way in which her Department is strengthening the local community presence and long-term viability of scouting organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [8691/26]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a special class that was pre-sanctioned by the National Council for Special Education in December 2025, in respect of a primary school (details supplied); to confirm whether her Department's buildings unit has carried out, or is scheduled to carry out, a visit to assess any required building adaptations or modular accommodation; if the special class will be included in the next tranche of special class announcements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [9122/26]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the capital project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9123/26]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an application was received through Parents Notify before the 1 October 2025 deadline for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [9124/26]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the Parents Notify portal will be reopened in advance of the 2026/2027 school year for parents who may have missed the 1 October 2025 deadline, are therefore unable to get a letter of eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [9125/26]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to allow people contracted by Bus Éireann to drive buses for children with additional needs to continue to do so after they reach 70 years-of-age; her views on the current policy; the engagement her Department has had with Bus Éireann on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9127/26]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department, alongside the Department of Transport, could ensure that capacity issues are addressed ahead of the next academic year to ensure there are enough bus providers for schools to ensure students that meet criteria get a bus place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [9128/26]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the capital project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9129/26]

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\*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding capitation funding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9138/26]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline all emergency works approved for schools in Cork which are ongoing or awaiting construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9140/26]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the capital project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9141/26]

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\*527. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the capital project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9145/26]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of second-level schools introducing individual electronic devices for students because of a new senior cycle curriculum, and the significant financial pressure this places on families; if she will consider implementing a more centralised approach to both the procurement and the provision of digital devices and necessary ICT systems in schools, similar to that which applies for schoolbooks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [9146/26]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to meet the Government's stated commitments to developing youth places and spaces, given the lack of funding the Government have committed to the sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [9148/26]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the school transport scheme portal will launch for the 2026/27 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9149/26]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the data set of school transport schemes and routes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9150/26]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the eligibility criteria for school transport scheme eligibility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9151/26]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline all summer works approved for schools in Cork for 2025 and thus far in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9180/26]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will work to allow a smooth redeployment of teachers throughout the ETB system; without having to resign from one ETB to re-apply for a job in another; her views on whether this will help to improve teacher retention issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9195/26]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will make changes to ensure that the service of a teacher is recognised when they resign from an ETB to work in another in order that seniority follows the teacher, not the school that they work in; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9196/26]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the Stage 2B submission made on 13 October 2005 for the additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied); when a decision is expected to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [9200/26]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which home-educated students will be graded on their Additional Assessment Component (AAC's), particularly when the principle of teacher authentication underpins these AACs; if she can provide assurances that home-educated students will be marked in the same manner as any other student; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9205/26]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of home-educated second level students in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9206/26]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the AAC component of leaving cycle exams in biology, which state that there is a need for regular, comprehensive engagement by the teacher with each student throughout the complete process will affect home-educated students; the measures are in place to ensure that home-educated students have their AAC's reviewed and graded the same as other school students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9207/26]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if under the new Leaving Certificate AAC's can only be completed by students in school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9208/26]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if home-educated students completing the additional assessment component of their Leaving Certificate are treated the same as home-tutored candidates in terms of supervision and grading; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9209/26]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) is included in the emergency summer works scheme for 2026; the way in which they can apply for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9212/26]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the application by a school to replace their 50-year-old prefabs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9213/26]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on plans for a new ASD class in a school (details supplied); when this will be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9214/26]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on plans for a school (details supplied) to be developed into a 1,000 pupil school; when this will be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9215/26]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on plans for a new woodwork classroom at a school (details supplied); when this will be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9216/26]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the ongoing demand from school transport escorts for fair pay and conditions, to reflect the importance of their work for young people with disabilities and their families; and her views on whether it is acceptable that school transport escorts must sign on for social welfare supports during school holidays. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [9225/26]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria, assessment process and decision-making framework used to select the 105 school building projects announced for delivery in 2026 and 2027, including whether demographic need, school capacity and regional balance were considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9246/26]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the refurbishment works for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9250/26]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with the school principal of a school (details supplied) in relation to their planned refurbishment project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9251/26]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide a timeline for the start date of a planned refurbishment project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9252/26]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the case of a child (details supplied); and the changes her Department will implement going forward to ensure this does not happen for 2026-2027. — Michael Lowry. [9264/26]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the next round of funding under the education for sustainable development scheme for primary and secondary schools will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9267/26]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the application by a school (details supplied) to open a second special educational needs class for the 2026-2027 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9268/26]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when parents who were unable to notify the NCSE of their child's recommendation for a special class before the 1 October deadline will receive a letter of eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9269/26]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to a child (details supplied) who does not yet have a SEN place for the coming school year; the actions she will take to address this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9271/26]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with the NCSE in relation to progressing a letter of eligibility for a child (details supplied) who requires this intervention to get a SEN place for the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9272/26]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will remove the obligation on principals of schools with under 60 pupils to teach, given the increased administration and operational duties on them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [9277/26]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9286/26]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth on behalf of a person (details supplied), when the parents notify process was changed or introduced; the measures that were taken to ensure that families of children with additional needs were fully aware of the requirement and its implications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9287/26]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a possible ASD class for a school (details supplied). — Malcolm Byrne. [9334/26]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has assessed the extent to which the current restrictions on the recognition of overseas and private sector teaching experience for incremental salary purposes are acting as a barrier to the recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, particularly in shortage subjects and high demand areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9352/26]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she expects the work of the incremental credit committee and the ongoing teacher workforce planning project to result in specific and costed policy proposals to expand the recognition of overseas teaching experience for salary and incremental purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9353/26]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the request submitted by the board of management of a school (details supplied), through its patron, to commence a formal consultation process regarding the transition of the school from an all-girls post-primary school to a co-educational model; when a decision is expected to issue from her Department; the criteria being applied by her Department in assessing such requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [9418/26]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 670 of 4 November 2025, if the independent assessment into the feasibility of removing the exclusion of drivers aged over 70 years-of-age from the school transport scheme has been concluded; and if so, what conclusion was reached; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [9420/26]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within her Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9428/26]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the extent to which her Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9446/26]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the requirement for professional reports as part of the enrolment process for students seeking placement in special educational settings could be reinstated (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9515/26]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the independent assessment on the feasibility of removing the exclusion of drivers aged over 70 years-of-age from the school transport system has begun; and the date by which its findings will be presented to her. — Seán Crowe. [9582/26]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9603/26]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) in relation to an incremental credit application for teaching service; the reasons for the decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9607/26]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the serious accommodation problems at a Louth school (details supplied); the plans her Department has to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9680/26]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mandatory autism training undertaken by teachers and SNA's; if the "introduction to autism" course for newly appointed primary teachers is a requirement for all teachers and SNA's in ASD classes, units and special schools prior to taking same post. — Sorca Clarke. [9698/26]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the interim additional-time scheme for students with specific needs in state examinations; the rationale for just 10 minutes extra for students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia; if it is intended to further review this extra time; if further additional time will be considered for these students after the 2026 examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9770/26]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the pilot scheme (details supplied) if she plans to introduce the scheme permanently; if her attention has been drawn to the good work it is doing on the ground and the positive feedback being received on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9782/26]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the development of a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [9783/26]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has completed the review of the stage 1 addendum report for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [9784/26]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of full time SNAs employed by her Department across the country, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9818/26]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of part time SNAs employed by her Department across the country, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9819/26]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the annual cost of employing SNAs in schools across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9820/26]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of primary school classrooms that have one SNA allocated on a daily basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9821/26]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of primary school classrooms that have one SNA allocated on a daily basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9822/26]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any assessment has been carried out into the cost of providing one SNA in every primary school classroom in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9823/26]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the benefit of having at least one SNA in every primary school classroom in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9824/26]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the annual wage structure of an SNA; if any assessment of years of service, experience and qualifications is included in this reimbursement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9825/26]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the school in the National Rehabilitation Hospital; if a permanent site can be provided for this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9829/26]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of school management in relation to the lack of permanent accommodation within the National Rehabilitation Hospital school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9830/26]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of students assigned to the school in the National Rehabilitation Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9831/26]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the number of staff assigned to the school in the National Rehabilitation Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9832/26]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the location of all schools that are located within hospitals to accommodate children in longer term medical care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9833/26]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students currently assigned to schools that are located within hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9834/26]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of staff that are currently assigned to schools located within hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9835/26]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school transport applications submitted in Waterford from 2022 to 2025; and the number of those applications that were approved during this period, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [9842/26]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures she is taking to address the use of AI tracking software in schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9846/26]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the DEIS review; when the review will conclude; the way in which schools outside of DEIS can engage in the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9848/26]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason no schools in County Mayo were included in the most recent list of school building projects progressing to tender and construction for 2026–2027, given the significant and well-documented accommodation pressures in the county, particularly in relation to special education provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [9851/26]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a decision will issue on the accommodation plans submitted by a school (details supplied) which have been with her Department for ten months without an update, despite repeated follow-up by the board of management; the status and expected timeline for review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [9852/26]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the extension and upgrade to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9859/26]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the omission of a school (details supplied) from her Department's priority list of building development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9860/26]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with school management in a school (details supplied) in relation to previous commitments to carry out an extension and upgrade to the school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9861/26]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the frustration of school management in a school (details supplied) in relation to previous commitments to carry out an extension and upgrade to the school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9862/26]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the basis for the decision to not include a school (details supplied) in her Department's priority list of building development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9863/26]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether Youthreach experience as a resource person is counted for incremental credit when moving into a post-primary teaching role; if so, the reason the same experience is not uniformly recognised for those remaining in Youthreach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [9890/26]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the prefabricated classrooms approved in 2021 as a temporary measure at a school (details supplied); if their continued use has been reviewed; when they will be removed; the interim steps that will be taken to address the impact on neighbouring residents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9896/26]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the lack of ASD capacity in the Dublin 7 area for girls transitioning out of infant classes; if her Department is making the necessary arrangements to facilitate the opening of a second ASD class at a school in Dublin 7 (details supplied) to address this critical shortfall; the way in which her Department intends to better manage and forecast demand in the Dublin 7 area to ensure places are always available; if she will communicate with the parents of affected children to demonstrate how the situation is being urgently addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [9906/26]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 500 of 16 December 2025, the current status of the building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [9948/26]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth his views on a matter (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [10019/26]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the capital works project for a school (details supplied); when a decision is expected on the stage 2A completion certificate recently submitted to her Department; the reasons for the length of time this project has been in the planning pipeline, since 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [10037/26]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm if a school (details supplied) has been included in the 2026/2027 school buildings programme; when the tender for these projects will be finalised and when construction will commence on these new school buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [10045/26]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the second classroom in the ASD unit at a school (details supplied) has been sanctioned; when it is expected that this classroom will be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10050/26]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application for a special needs class (details supplied); if she will approve this class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [10063/26]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason there is no cover provided for primary school teachers who wish to avail of breastfeeding breaks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10110/26]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure that primary school classes run smoothly when their teacher is availing of a breast-feeding break; and if she will consider providing cover for teachers who wish to avail of breast feeding breaks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10111/26]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the guidelines or rules that are provided for teachers who wish to avail of breastfeeding breaks in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10115/26]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any review has been carried out in her Department in relation to the New Brunswick model of fully inclusive education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10125/26]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any comparative analysis is being carried out in relation to the way the UK approaches inclusivity in SEN education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10126/26]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any comparative analysis is being carried out in relation to the way other EU countries approach inclusivity in SEN education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10127/26]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any review is being carried out into the parameters of the SNA role in classrooms that would expand the current remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10128/26]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any review is being carried out into Circular 30/2014 related to the role of SNAs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10129/26]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the merits of creating a mid-year review within schools in terms of their needs related to SNAs and other resources that may have changed since the start of the year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10130/26]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are plans to bring forward legislation to ensure that adequate provision is made for Irish medium education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [10138/26]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a review has taken place regarding the ongoing reliance on prefabricated buildings at a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to privacy and light pollution concerns raised by residents of adjoining residential properties; and if there are plans to replace the prefabricated buildings with more suitable permanent structures. — Seán Crowe. [10143/26]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under her remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10152/26]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review Circular 08/02 determining eligibility for students requiring assistive technology under Circular 10 of 2013, to ensure that all students who could benefit from the use of laptops have access to this educational aid, even when the student falls below the specified I.Q. range or performance indicators but has a diagnosis of dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [10168/26]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can provide confirmation regarding the full scope of funding for a project (details supplied); if her Department intends to fund and deliver the project in line with its own original brief and the planning permission granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [10185/26]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will extend the award of bonus marks to include continuous assessment components completed through Irish for students sitting the Leaving Certificate in 2026, in order to ensure parity with the arrangements that will apply from 2027 for both written examinations and continuous assessment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [10187/26]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth 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. [10198/26]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a project (details supplied); if her Department plans to fund and deliver the project within the current planning permission of March 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [10203/26]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [10204/26]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown, by year and school level, of the number of reported incidents involving students bringing weapons onto school premises over the past five years; the number of suspensions and expulsions arising from such incidents; the guidance issued by her Department to schools in relation to disciplinary responses where weapons are involved; whether she is satisfied that the current approach adequately protects the safety of students and staff; whether consideration has been given to introducing a clear national zero tolerance policy for weapons in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [10213/26]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the recent decision by the State Examinations Commission to provide only 10 minutes of additional time per examination for students accessing RACE accommodations, including students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties; and if she will outline the evidence base used to determine this allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [10225/26]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider increasing the additional time available to students accessing RACE accommodations to a minimum of 10 minutes per hour, in line with international practice and the supports already provided at third level, to ensure that affected students are not placed at a disadvantage during State examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [10226/26]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the NCSE supported special schools which are located in permanent buildings; those which are in interim accommodation; those which have modular buildings adjoining permanent buildings, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10282/26]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children currently enrolled in each NCSE supported special school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10283/26]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an issue with school transport can be resolved for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10284/26]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of persons currently in training to become a qualified psychologist with the National Educational Psychological Services. — Aidan Farrelly. [10309/26]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she intends to publish the review of the Junior Certificate School Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10320/26]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 494 of 27 January 2026, the specific number of additional school places that will be created at a school (details supplied) following the completion of the current major project; the current number of students enrolled in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10327/26]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is aware of pressures for school places at primary school level in an area (details supplied); if she is aware there is children on waiting lists as a result of oversubscription of junior infant places; the actions her Department plans to take to ensure a school place is available to every child in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10328/26]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide replacement prefabs for the prefabs damaged by recent storms at a school (details supplied) given her decision that the school was not approved by her Department to proceed to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [10329/26]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who have presented to the NCSE requiring a letter of eligibility after the 1 October deadline, introduced in 2025, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10334/26]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list each of the project managers for each of the schools effected by construction defects which were constructed by a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [10337/26]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to address the discrepancy in post primary special education places (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [10339/26]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures which have been put in place to address the concerns uncovered in the report 'Supporting all Children and Young People to Access an Appropriate Education'. — Jen Cummins. [10340/26]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the three steps in the conclusion of 'Supporting all Children and Young People to Access an Appropriate Education'. — Jen Cummins. [10341/26]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a late application will be admitted to a special educational needs class for the 2026-2027 academic year (details supplied); if the child will be accommodated due to a long wait for an appointment to receive an educational psychologist report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10357/26]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students attending schools (details supplied) who reside in the Tyrrelstown-Mulhuddart SPA, broken down per school year group, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [10359/26]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide guidance for parents unable to secure a primary school placement for their children in their locality. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10360/26]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a SENO will be appointed for North Wexford. — Malcolm Byrne. [10369/26]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the need for additional SNA support at a school (details supplied); the measures she will put in place to address the needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [10370/26]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which teachers are able to exercise the flexibility envisaged under the EU Work-Life Balance Directive; whether any consideration will be given to issuing guidance to schools to allow parental leave to be flexibly taken where agreed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10391/26]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention classes in special schools, in each of the years 2014 to 2016, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [10394/26]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department intends to ensure that new contracts for the school transport scheme will be issued without delay after the expiry of the current term in June, to provide consistency and reliability for bus operators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [10395/26]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans in place to expand access to specialised provision of speech and language classes, given that evidence suggests that at least 10% of children have speech, language and communication needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [10397/26]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether children with verbal dyspraxia/apraxia of speech are eligible for speech and language classes under Circular 0024/2025, including where they have a dual diagnosis of autism; to clarify the way eligibility is determined in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [10398/26]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason children with non-verbal IQ scores above 90 and severe dyslexia, but who cannot present a reliable verbal IQ due to speech difficulties, are excluded from Reading Schools; whether current policy reflects contemporary evidence on dyslexia identification and intervention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [10399/26]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application from a school (details supplied) to establish a second ASD class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10405/26]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she expects to be in a position to outline plans for the inclusion of additional schools in the DEIS+ programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10425/26]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to protect and support small schools in rural areas; the way in which demographic change and enrolment thresholds are taken into account in education policy and school planning; the steps being taken to ensure the long-term sustainability of rural schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10428/26]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific measures being taken to protect small schools in rural areas from closure or forced amalgamation; the way in which adjustments to enrolment thresholds and staffing schedules can be made to ensure the long-term sustainability of rural schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10429/26]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will extend the newly announced wellbeing grant scheme to primary schools in County Laois; the criteria for inclusion in Strand Two of the Counselling and Mental Health Pilots in Primary Schools; if she will make provision for the establishment of education wellbeing teams to support school clusters in Laois in line with those currently operating in Cork, Carlow, and Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10430/26]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department plans to establish a Gaelcholáiste in an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [10466/26]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the protocols which currently exist to allow for the sharing of needs-based assessment information between the HSE and schools, with parental consent; whether the absence of shared assessments contributes to duplicated assessments, delayed supports, or inconsistent planning for children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10486/26]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has identified delays or gaps in supports for children with additional needs at key transition points, including early years to primary and to post-primary education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10491/26]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children identified by the HSE as having additional or complex needs in the past five years which were unable to access educational supports, resources, or placements due to the absence of a formal diagnosis; whether her Department records or monitors unmet needs, arising from diagnosis-based eligibility criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10492/26]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has considered introducing a needs-based model for the allocation of educational supports for children with additional needs, aligned with the functional needs approach used by the HSE; whether any reviews, pilot initiatives, or reform proposals are currently underway in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10493/26]

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

\*667. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he expects approval for the September 2025 agreement between An Post and An Post Group of Unions regarding An Post superannuation schemes to issue; if he can set out the timeline and necessary approval process in respect of same; if he will provide a direct update to each of the relevant trades unions party to the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9648/26]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to prioritise his approval of the 7% increase for An Post pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [9278/26]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9426/26]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9444/26]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his view on the need for Ministerial approval to issue in a timely manner with respect to the most recent agreement between unions and An Post on the An Post superannuation scheme; if he has communicated with his colleague the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on same; if he has asked for a date by which approval will issue; if he can provide

a direct update to each of the relevant trade unions party to the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9649/26]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 384 of 22 January 2026, if he is aware that the National Museum possesses the original American flag that the Catalpa, the escape ship, flew under; his views on the National Museum exhibiting the flag for the 150th anniversary in April 2026; his views on the National Museum loaning it during the currency of this anniversary year to the county museums in the State where the escapers originated from, that is, Limerick, Cork and Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [9673/26]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of public funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the past five years; the way in which this funding is allocated across administration, high-performance programmes, youth development, and athlete support, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [9755/26]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which he justifies the practice of charging families for participation in state-supported Olympic development pathways, particularly where athletes have met high-performance selection standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [9760/26]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps which are being taken to ensure that access to elite development pathways in Irish sport is based on ability and performance rather than a family’s capacity to pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [9763/26]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there are any funding schemes or grant assistance in his Department to assist a school (details supplied) to participate in the Under 17’s ISF World Cup to be held in Suzhou, China in October 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [9778/26]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the grant aid or funding provided to Meath, Wicklow and Kildare local authorities by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in the past five years to date, and by heading. — Aidan Farrelly. [10048/26]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to establish a new arts and culture venue in Kildare north. — Aidan Farrelly. [10049/26]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to detail the supports available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10119/26]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10150/26]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of persons that attended each of the National Culture Institutions under the remit of his Department in 2025; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2024, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [10305/26]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the pension increase for retired employees of a company (details supplied); if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10410/26]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he can outline a timeframe for when he was sent recommendations in relation to the proposed pension increase for retired employees of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10411/26]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has or if he will engage with retired employees of a company (details supplied) regarding the pension increase that was recommended for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10412/26]

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

\*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the discussions between the Minister and the Northern Executive Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, on collaboration between both administrations on water quality issues in Lough Neagh and surrounding environment; the actions which have been agreed; if there is a timeline available on these actions; and if the Minister will meet with relevant stakeholders and their local political representatives on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9682/26]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports which are currently available for first time buyers of second hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9163/26]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider expanding the first home scheme for purchasers of second hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [9164/26]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to clarify in primary legislation that where the practical hallmarks of a tenancy exist (exclusive possession of a room, rent, fixed term, shared common areas), the arrangement is treated as a tenancy for the purposes of the Residential Tenancies Acts, and rent pressure zone rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [9178/26]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason an approved housing body cannot continue to provide property management services at (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [9179/26]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether funding is available for independent mediation between communities and local authorities. — Thomas Gould. [9197/26]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the protections that will continue to be in place for smaller landlords in the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) (No.2) Act 2024; if he is aware of growing concerns among smaller landlords that the Bill will create challenges for them and may lead to an exiting from the market of smaller landlords; if he will consider conducting a fact-based public information campaign for smaller landlords and

tenants with respect to the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9226/26]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will be formulating plans to address the recent declaration by the EU of sika deer as an invasive species; if such a plan involves a cull of sika deer; and if so, the State agencies that will be used to assist or carry out such a cull. — Robert Troy. [9229/26]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will consider introducing national planning guidance or legislative requirements to provide for the installation of swift nesting boxes in new residential and public developments; if his attention has been drawn to initiatives led by Fingal County Council, including the provision of swift boxes in new local authority buildings and the designation of 2026 as the Year of the Swift; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9254/26]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has examined the potential biodiversity benefits of requiring swift nesting boxes in new developments, given their low cost, minimal maintenance and role in protecting a declining species; whether such measures could be incorporated into national biodiversity or climate adaptation policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9256/26]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports or grants available to local authority tenants to replace exterior doors when the replacement of such is outside the scope of the rental agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9285/26]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider the importance of tourism to Killarney town by urgently reviewing the proposed guidelines in respect of short-term lets and increasing the population of the towns that the new strict planning guidelines will apply to from 10,000 up to 15,000; if this crucial industry for Killarney and County Kerry will be safeguarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9335/26]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current timeline for bicycle storage to become exempted developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [9417/26]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 84 of 14 January 2026, whether the level of funding allocated to the tenant-in-situ scheme in 2026 will exceed the funding provided in 2025; whether his Department has assessed the duration for which the 2026 allocation is expected to remain operational based on current demand levels; whether he expects the scheme to remain open to new applications beyond September 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9419/26]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9434/26]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9452/26]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority homes purchased under tenant purchase schemes by local authority area for each year from 2016 to 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [9465/26]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Government funds made available to local authorities in each of the years 2024 and 2025 to support the refurbishment and re-letting of homes; the number of properties remediated under the voids programme in 2015, in tabular form. — Carol Nolan. [9581/26]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress being made by the Government taking landmark legal cases against companies who manufactured and sold defective concrete blocks to the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9654/26]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has met with stakeholders on the implication of SI 374/2024. — Thomas Gould. [9679/26]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether national housing delivery targets assume electricity infrastructure upgrades that have not yet received planning permission or secured funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9709/26]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether coordination mechanisms exist between housing delivery bodies, local authorities and electricity network operators to align housing commencements with electricity grid capacity delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9716/26]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to proceed as a matter of priority with the development of a theatre and public plaza, on the Áras Phádraig site in Killarney town under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9726/26]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether projected housing completions to 2030 assume electricity grid upgrades that have not yet received planning approval or secured funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9743/26]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether regional housing targets have been adjusted to reflect regional electricity grid constraints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9744/26]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage and consult with a group (details supplied) regarding S.I. No. 374/2024 - European Union (Invasive Alien Species) Regulations 2024 on the designation of Fallow and Sika deer as invasive alien species; if he will confirm he will apply the lawful EU derogation as intended for Ireland; if he will make no further changes to current open seasons (section 29 of the Wildlife Act, 1976 as

amended) for wild deer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9751/26]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has engaged with the Departments of Enterprise, Justice, and Further & Higher Education on the cumulative housing impact of employment- and study-related migration following the EU–India free trade agreement; whether any estimate has been made of additional housing demand arising from projected permit, student, and dependant inflows; whether housing delivery targets are being treated as a binding constraint in wider migration-related policy decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9777/26]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he accepts that introducing revised engineering qualification requirements in July 2025, while being aware that serving local authority engineers would not meet the new eligibility criteria and without publishing any quantified workforce impact assessment, represents a failure of workforce planning; whether he will now publish the number of engineers whose career progression has been blocked as a direct consequence of these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9790/26]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to state the terms of reference for the national water conservation working group; and to provide details of their meeting and work schedule for 2026. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9792/26]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to providing an exemption in the new tenancy framework for the principal private residences of individuals in long-term nursing home care, where the property is rented solely to meet care-related costs, in order to avoid unintended hardship or conflicts with fair deal repayment timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9796/26]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review issues raised with this Deputy (details supplied) in relation to housing and provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9850/26]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the timeframe for completion of works under the vacant property refurbishment grant, given the current high demand for tradespeople; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [9913/26]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider the importance of tourism to County Kerry and Killarney town by introducing a planning exemption for those involved in the short-term lets business for three years or longer; if he will increase the population of the towns that the new strict planning guidelines apply to from 10,000 up to 15,000, to safeguard this crucial industry for Killarney and County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9973/26]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address the housing crisis by changing national planning guidelines that prevent applicants who wish to build a family home in rural areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9995/26]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently review the proposals in relation to short term lets (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [10018/26]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the planning concerns with change of use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10104/26]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the cost ceilings provided to each local authority by his Department around the country for the tenant-in-situ scheme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10116/26]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10158/26]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the origin of guidance issued by the Housing Agency stating that homeowners cannot avail of a full technical review following the revision of the I.S. 465 following an appeal and adjudication by the Appeals Panel; whether this guidance was issued at the direction of, or with the approval of, his Department; and whether he is satisfied that this guidance accurately reflects the law, particularly in cases where an appeal decision has been annulled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [10181/26]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason guidance regarding access to technical reviews was issued only to homeowners whose remediation options were downgraded after 6 November 2024; whether different rules apply to homeowners depending on the date of downgrade; and how this approach is consistent with principles of fairness and equal treatment under the defective concrete blocks scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [10182/26]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the data that is held or collated by his Department at national level regarding applicants to local authority housing waiting lists who entered the State via a country other than their country of origin; whether such data is requested from or shared with local authorities or other Departments; if no comprehensive national dataset exists, the reasons for this; the assessment that has been made by his Department of the impact of current social housing eligibility policies on housing availability and waiting times for existing applicants; the role his Department plays in setting or reviewing the eligibility framework applied by local authorities; and whether any review of eligibility criteria, data-collection practices or inter-departmental data-sharing arrangements is planned. — Peadar Tóibín. [10183/26]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for affordable housing at a location (details supplied); given that there are plans to build further estates in the town and no affordable houses were made available for previous developments that are now under the control of Galway County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [10287/26]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the capital budget allocation for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in 2025 and 2026, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [10312/26]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on wind energy guidelines; the reason for the delay to publications; the dates on which his officials consulted /met with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment to discuss them; the other departments which were consulted; and the dates on which these meetings took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10321/26]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to address vacancy and dereliction in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10322/26]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the inclusion of Dublin Fingal within the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme; the engagement that has taken place between his Department and Fingal County Council in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [10375/26]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Dublin Fingal will be included in the Pyrite Remediation Scheme; when a decision is expected; if he will outline the steps being taken to support homeowners in Fingal affected by pyrite in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [10376/26]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider the reintroduction of the waiver of development fees for persons building one-off rural dwellings where services such as lights, footpaths, water and waste are not being provided by the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [10431/26]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason an approved housing body, in receipt of State funding, will not install a security entrance gate at a location (details supplied) to protect older and vulnerable residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [10506/26]

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

\*734. To ask the Minister for Social Protection how effectively the Hot School Meals Programme reaches children in rural areas, such as County Laois, including those attending small schools; the gaps in coverage; the way in which food waste is minimised while ensuring nutritional quality; the way in which delivery is monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10426/26]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to monitor and ensure the nutritional quality of food provided under the Hot School Meals Programme; the way in which compliance checks are carried out on suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [10427/26]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person can be reviewed (details supplied); if he will provide an update on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9234/26]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps his Department has taken in recent years to notify carers of their tax obligations in respect of carer's allowance, particularly in view of recent changes to automatic data-sharing between his Department and the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9337/26]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Government's current policy on the means test for carer's allowance, including any specific timeline or milestones for its abolition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9340/26]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department plans to publish an interdepartmental or policy review on the future of the carer's allowance means test; the timeframe for publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9341/26]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will clarify in which Budget or fiscal year the means test will be abolished or substantially reformed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9342/26]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Government plans to consult with stakeholders such as an organisation (details supplied) and advocacy group on the means test reform; and if so, the planned schedule for those consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9343/26]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) who has been refused an essential social welfare payment; if he will act to close off the loophole that allowed this to happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [9354/26]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the homeowner's once-off payment will be open for applications this year (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [9356/26]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9438/26]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9456/26]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1569 of 13 January 2026, whether he accepts that former members of religious orders who spent decades in full-time employment in nursing, caring and other public service roles were excluded from PRSI contributions through no fault of their own and are now structurally disadvantaged under the State pension (contributory) system; whether he will consider examining a limited, cohort-based mechanism to recognise such service for contributory pension purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [9510/26]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that the assessment form for disability allowance is being found by some families to discriminate against individuals with certain conditions (details supplied); if his Department has plans to address these apparent anomalies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9587/26]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details of the percentage of women that have their salary topped up by their employer on maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9598/26]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal by a person (details supplied) in relation to their carer's allowance refusal will be determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9655/26]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person who is undergoing chemotherapy had their social welfare payment terminated in November 2025; if the payment will be resumed in view of their illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9656/26]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures he will take to address the exclusion of coeliac children from hot school meals; the measures he will take to address concerns regarding cross contamination making school meals unsuitable for coeliac children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [9675/26]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the refusal of an invalidity pension application of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [9780/26]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons care-related credited contributions are not deemed as qualifying contributions for the State Pension (Contributory); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [9873/26]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will confirm the date of signing of contracts with the investment managers contracted to invest funds on behalf of the My Future Fund; the names of the persons who signed those contracts on behalf of the State or the My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [9874/26]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the exact division of roles and responsibilities or management of investment funds between the three contracted investment management companies for the My Future Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [9875/26]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the most recent projected number of account holders, assets under management, and forecast fees to be paid to investment managers under the auto enrolment scheme for each year from 2026 to 2050, in tabular form. — Eoin Hayes. [9876/26]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the treatment of accounts in the My Future Fund in respect of typical PRSA fees due to the Pensions Authority; the rate at which they will be charged; and if those charges will be levied in the case of suspended, paused or otherwise dormant accounts. — Eoin Hayes. [9879/26]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for maternity benefit that were successful in each year from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9898/26]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department is considering a policy change to bring Ireland in line with the rest of Europe in terms of granting maternity and paternity benefit at 100% or a high percentage of salary for all or a portion of a person's entitlement to the corresponding leave; if there are policy learnings from the recent implementation of Jobseekers

pay-related benefit scheme which could support a similar change in terms of maternity and paternity benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9908/26]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to FOI decision FOI-2026-28668 stating that no documents exist regarding enforcement of PRSI liabilities arising from scope section employment-status decisions, to reconcile this with replies from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the Department of Finance which confirm that PRSI liabilities from misclassification are enforceable and material; the Department of Social Protection has been consulted by Revenue on the Karshan Disclosure Opportunity and related PRSI matters; and manual PRSI records for 2024–2025 are now being created under the Karshan scheme to protect workers’ entitlements; in view of this, to clarify whether any internal briefings, guidance documents, emails, or policy notes were prepared in relation to the enforcement or tracking of PRSI liabilities arising from Scope decisions; if such records now exist or previously existed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10144/26]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10162/26]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for disability allowance remaining a means-tested payment in Ireland, notwithstanding existing income disregards, particularly in light of the system in the United Kingdom where certain disability income supports are not subject to means testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10175/26]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has considered the experience of Irish citizens returning from the United Kingdom who encounter differences in disability income supports and eligibility criteria, including the use of means testing; whether guidance is provided to assist such individuals in understanding the Irish system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10176/26]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to introduce a cost of disability payment over the lifetime of the Government; and the way it will be calculated. — Malcolm Byrne. [10362/26]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in each county or Dáil constituency in receipt of the old age pension. — Malcolm Byrne. [10363/26]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in each county or Dáil constituency in receipt of jobseeker’s allowance. — Malcolm Byrne. [10364/26]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in each county or Dáil constituency in receipt of jobseeker’s benefit. — Malcolm Byrne. [10365/26]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the merits of allowing for a savings disregard in relation to the means test for carers allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10407/26]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a savings disregard in relation to the means test for carers allowance is under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10408/26]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has engaged with representative groups for carers in relation to their request that savings are disregarded as part of the means test for carers allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10409/26]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount spent on social welfare payments in the State in the calendar year 2025, per welfare payment, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10494/26]

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

\*772. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the process for a UK citizen who is a long-term resident of Ireland to gain an Irish passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [9753/26]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the cost associated with a UK citizen who is a long-term resident of Ireland to gain an Irish passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [9754/26]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will guarantee that Irish data will never be shared with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9797/26]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any engagement she has had with her EU counterparts in relation to a proposed data sharing agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9864/26]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to the proposed data sharing agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9865/26]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration her views on whether the proposed data sharing agreement (details supplied) is in compliance with our own data sharing laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9866/26]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the proposed data sharing agreement (details supplied) will be discussed at the forthcoming EU Council meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9867/26]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [9139/26]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures taken by his Department, or agencies under the aegis of his Department, to establish if those seeking international protection in Ireland have already been granted 'Indefinite Leave to Remain' (ILR) status in countries like the UK, Germany, Portugal and other EU member states; the number of instances where an applicant for international protection status has been found to have ILR status elsewhere; if he will clarify that persons seeking international protection will be denied such status if they are simultaneously renting or subletting properties back in the countries mentioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9147/26]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the application for citizenship for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [9177/26]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline the pathways that are available to Ukrainians, currently living in Ireland under Stamp 4 Temporary Protection, to get Irish citizenship for both adults and children; the criteria that will be considered for these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9192/26]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he or his Department have considered any legislative proposals aimed at strengthening sentencing outcomes for offences involving assaults on members of An Garda Síochána, in light of conviction and sentencing trends recorded by the Courts Service for the years 2021 to 2025; and if not, the reasons no such policy action has been taken. — Ken O'Flynn. [9219/26]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are any grounds on which citizenship applications can be expedited; and if so, the process for applicants. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9224/26]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider seeking a constitutional change to ensure that counselling notes will be inadmissible in all court cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [9281/26]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to set out the Department's current projections for the annual cost of accommodating international protection applicants over the next five years, including any internal estimates indicating expenditure of up to €1.5 billion per annum referenced in briefing material prepared for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9382/26]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the governance, compliance, and enforcement framework applying to private providers contracted to supply accommodation for international protection applicants, including the number of providers found to be non-compliant since 2022, the total contract value involved, and the sanctions applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9385/26]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail the State's reliance on emergency accommodation for international protection applicants, including the average nightly cost, average duration of stays, and total annual expenditure on emergency accommodation for each year since 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9386/26]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether an impact assessment has been completed on the expected effect of the EU Migration and Asylum Pact on the number of international protection applications to Ireland from 2027 onwards, including any projections in the range of 22,000 to 24,000 applicants per annum, and the associated accommodation and budgetary implications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9387/26]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department operates a defined accommodation capacity threshold for international protection applicants; if

not, the rationale for the absence of such a threshold; the way in which intake levels are aligned with available accommodation capacity and public expenditure limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9388/26]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the absence of a disaggregated cost breakdown for expenditure on international protection accommodation and related supports exceeding €4 billion since 2022, including separation of payments to private accommodation providers, expenditure on State-owned accommodation, ancillary service costs, and administrative costs, is consistent with the public financial management and audit standards applicable to his Department; whether this matter has been raised with or examined by the Comptroller and Auditor General; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9400/26]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the total number of private accommodation providers contracted by the International Protection Accommodation Service in each year from 2022 to date; the aggregate annual expenditure paid to private accommodation providers in each of those years; the number of providers accounting for the highest proportion of that expenditure; the average nightly cost per person paid under such contracts; the proportion of contracts entered into without an open competitive tender process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9401/26]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether an average length of stay of 24.8 months in International Protection Accommodation Service accommodation is consistent with EU best practice and the objectives of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum; the target average length of stay envisaged under current Government policy; the estimated annual cost to the Exchequer of each additional month an international protection applicant remains in State-provided accommodation beyond that target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9402/26]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procurement reference number, procurement route, and approval pathway used by the Irish Prison Service for each engagement with podcasts, influencers, or media outlets between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9403/26]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to specify, for each engagement by the Irish Prison Service with podcasts, influencers, or media outlets since 1 January 2020, whether the expenditure was procured through an Office of Government Procurement framework, an open competitive process, a competitive quotation process, or a sole supplier arrangement; and if he will provide the number of engagements under each category. — Ken O’Flynn. [9404/26]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the criteria applied by the Irish Prison Service in determining that a sole supplier arrangement was justified for any podcast, influencer, or media engagement since 1 January 2020; and to confirm whether written sole supplier justifications were completed in each such case. — Ken O’Flynn. [9405/26]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm the grade and role of the approving officer within the Irish Prison Service or the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration who authorised each sole supplier engagement with podcasts, influencers, or media outlets since 1 January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9406/26]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Irish Prison Service applies expenditure aggregation rules across multiple payments to the same supplier within a financial year for the purposes of public procurement compliance; and if he will outline the way this policy was applied in respect of podcast, influencer, or media engagements since 2020. — Ken O’Flynn. [9407/26]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any internal audit, compliance review, or governance assurance process within the Department or the Irish Prison Service examined expenditure on podcasts, influencers, or media services since 1 January 2020; and if so, to specify the year in which each review occurred and its scope. — Ken O’Flynn. [9408/26]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify the governance and oversight arrangements in place where the Irish Prison Service commissions or co-produces media content, including podcasts, as part of recruitment or rehabilitative initiatives; and to confirm whether such arrangements are treated as advertising expenditure or commissioned content for procurement purposes. — Ken O’Flynn. [9409/26]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the reasons an e-tender process commenced in 2025 in respect of services provided by experts by experience was paused; to specify the authority under which the pause occurred; and to confirm whether expenditure continued during the period in which the tender process was paused. — Ken O’Flynn. [9410/26]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Department has issued any guidance, circulars, or internal instructions to the Irish Prison Service since 2020 regarding the procurement of media, podcast, influencer, or public relations services; and if so, to specify the dates on which such guidance was issued. — Ken O’Flynn. [9411/26]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is satisfied that the governance, approval, and procurement controls applied by the Irish Prison Service to podcast, influencer, and media engagements since 1 January 2020 provide value for money and full compliance with public procurement requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9412/26]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way he will ensure that children’s voices are given precedence when determining child access arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [9422/26]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9435/26]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9453/26]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to reduce the current backlog for visitor and family visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [9460/26]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to consider implementing a system for the immigration service delivery to immediately return passports upon verification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [9461/26]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm when a citizenship application will be completed, in view that it is 40 months since the application (details supplied) was first lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9647/26]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown of the number of mobile dynamometer machines, per local election area, in each local authority that are available to an Garda Síochána, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9658/26]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if specific medical conditions (details supplied) are accepted as grounds for expedition of applications to the immigration service; and if so, the evidence which should be submitted to support expedition requests on the basis of these diagnoses. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9689/26]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration regarding applications to the immigration service, if medical risks of unsupported postpartum recovery are considered in requests for expedition of applications. — Eoin Ó Broin. [9690/26]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 will be fully commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [9772/26]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment that has been made of the expected impact of the EU–India free trade agreement on long-stay visa applications, residence permissions, renewals, and family reunification volumes; whether current visa and permission processing capacity is considered appropriate given housing and service constraints; whether throughput, prioritisation, or renewal scrutiny are being managed as part of a capacity-based approach to migration control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9774/26]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether Ireland is participating in any EU-level mobility pilots or coordination mechanisms linked to the EU–India free trade agreement, including the proposed “Legal Gateway”; which Irish visa or residence permission pathways, if any, are designated as in scope for such participation; whether this participation is limited strictly to existing permission categories; whether any new, expanded, or expedited visa or residence routes are planned or under consideration in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9775/26]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of any policy sanctioned by his or other Departments which allows for the confiscation of donations made to international protection applications; if he is aware of where these donated items are redirected to once confiscated; the body or person which has the authority to implement such a policy and the basis; if such a policy will be provided for in writing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [9804/26]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the efficiency of the reliance on paper-based forms as part of the Garda vetting process; if an update to digital

applications is under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [9807/26]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will introduce mandatory sentencing for gender-based violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [9869/26]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will introduce femicide as a separate criminal offence, carrying a mandatory sentence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [9870/26]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána currently suspended from duty; the number that have been suspended in each of the years from 2015 to date in 2026; the full number on suspension in each of those years; the number of those suspended that are on suspension on full pay; the shortest suspension period and longest suspension period in each of the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9974/26]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Garda recruits to the training college in the years 2024 and 2025, by intake and the number that attested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9975/26]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown for 2024 and 2025 of the allocation of new attested Gardaí to division and station in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9976/26]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of intakes which are projected to Templemore for new Garda training in 2026; the expected dates of those; the number currently in training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9977/26]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of resignations and retirements respectively from An Garda Síochána in each of the years from 2015 to-date in 2026; the number projected to retire in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9978/26]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí allocated to roads policing in each of the years from 2015 to-date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9979/26]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a list of the specialist units in An Garda Síochána; the number of Gardaí allocated to each of those units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9980/26]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount of capital investment into new vehicles for An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years; the number of new vehicles bought each year; the breakdown of the type purchased; the total number of vehicles available to the force, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9981/26]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of dedicated community Gardaí in each of the years from 2015 to-date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9982/26]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of dedicated community Gardaí from 2020 to-date in 2026 allocated to community policing teams; to provide a breakdown by division of the number in each CPT; the number of community support Gardaí in each division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9983/26]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda stations currently in operation; their public opening hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9984/26]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda stations either newly opened, reopened or closed in each year from 2015 to-date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9985/26]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána assigned to the Garda National Crime and Security Intelligence Service, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9986/26]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána assigned to the Criminal Assets Bureau, for the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9987/26]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána assigned to each of the Mounted Support Unit; the Air Support Unit; the Dog Unit and the Water Unit, for each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9988/26]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána assigned to the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau, for the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9989/26]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána assigned to Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau, for the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9990/26]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána assigned to Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau, for the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9991/26]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda stations that currently open on a full-time and part-time basis, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9992/26]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda Stations which are currently assigned zero or one Garda on a permanent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9993/26]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda districts that are currently without assigned community Gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [9994/26]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a review of the current youth justice strategy has taken place; if consideration has been given to updating the youth justice strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [10066/26]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of road traffic collisions the Garda fleet have been involved in by vehicle type, and by division, in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of vehicles that have been written off as a result; and a schedule of costs and compensation received and paid out arising from collisions over this time period. — Aidan Farrelly. [10133/26]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a citizenship application will be completed in view that it is over 30 months since the application (details supplied) was first lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10134/26]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an application for naturalisation will be complete (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10139/26]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10159/26]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding a work permit/stamp 1G extension for an individual (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [10167/26]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of inspections, unannounced inspections, random spot checks or otherwise, carried out in relation to English language schools, by category in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10214/26]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his proposals to regulate the use of covert human intelligence sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10215/26]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the composition of the high-level review group which evaluated a proposal from the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland in relation to the use of Garda resources prosecuting court cases; his response to their findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10216/26]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his response to the cases of Vesely and Others V Russia, Application nos. 23200/10 and 556/10 (ECHR, 2 January 2013),

para 51, suggesting that there should be a public, identifiable code of practice regarding the use of covert human intelligence sources; the actions he intends to take arising from such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10217/26]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his response to the ECHR case of Veseloy and Others v Russia, para 105, which highlighted that Ireland was an anomaly in Europe in terms of the lack of a legal framework regarding the use of covert human intelligence sources; the actions he intends to take arising from such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10218/26]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline the independent oversight mechanisms and complaints procedure regarding the use of covert human intelligence sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10219/26]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration 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 QMV, or whether the mobility agreement between the EU and India will come under the pillar of freedom, security and justice, and be subject to Protocol 21, giving Ireland the facility to either opt-in or remain outside the mobility agreement; and to outline the Government's view of the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10220/26]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline any current contracts his Department, or bodies under its aegis, have with a corporation or any of its subsidiaries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10224/26]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a response will issue to a person (details supplied) resident in Kerry who has made repeated written requests to the immigration service delivery of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10281/26]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 710 on 16 December 2025, if he has received the necessary information from Garda authorities in order to have this PQ answered. — Aidan Farrelly. [10306/26]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the number of Garda vetting applicants processed for those aged 16 in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10319/26]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of scramblers seized by the Gardaí in each of the years from 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10325/26]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of scramblers that were returned to owners following seizure by Gardaí in each of the years from 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10326/26]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current position regarding licensing hours for premises showing live televised sporting events that take place after

midnight Irish time; whether his Department has carried out any review, analysis or consultation in recent years on the operation of licensing laws in such circumstances; whether any engagement has taken place with An Garda Síochána, the National Transport Authority or representative bodies for the hospitality sector on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10353/26]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current policy position of the Government in relation to the processing and approval of short term study visas for junior English language students under 18 years of age from countries (details supplied), who wish to attend short duration English language programmes in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10379/26]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether there have been any changes in the past three years to visa processing procedures, approval criteria, documentation requirements or indicative processing timelines for short term study visa applications from junior English language students under 18 years of age from a countries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10380/26]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether applications for short term study visas for accredited English language programmes of between two and four weeks duration are currently being accepted and processed through VFS centres in countries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10381/26]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the number of short term study visa applications under 90 days received, approved and refused in each of the past three years from applicants resident in countries (details supplied), by year and country, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10382/26]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on a citizenship application (details supplied); the reason for delay in this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [10404/26]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of Garda applicants who have passed the interview and medical but are awaiting vetting clearance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [10468/26]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the expected timeline for the next Garda reserve intake in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [10469/26]

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

\*868. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on concerns regarding the low thresholds for degressivity in the proposed Common Agricultural Policy post-2027; the potential disproportionate impact on Irish farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9153/26]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is taking to address the threat of reduced funding under the new Common Agricultural Policy to

ensure the viability of family farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9154/26]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the Government plans to support generational succession in farming amid the proposed changes to the Common Agricultural Policy post-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9155/26]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures in place to protect farm incomes in view of the European Commission's proposed reforms to the Common Agricultural Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9156/26]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will commit to advocating for a ringfenced budget for the LEADER programme in the next Common Agricultural Policy negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9157/26]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions being taken to retain local decision-making in the LEADER funding model under the proposed Common Agricultural Policy changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9158/26]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which sustainability is being integrated into the agri-food sector's roadmap to achieve export growth from €13 billion to €21 billion by the end of the decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9159/26]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific impacts of the proposed Common Agricultural Policy post-2027 on farmers in County Offaly, particularly in relation to tillage and mixed enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9160/26]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to enhance the powers of the Agri-Food Regulator to address profiteering in food price increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9161/26]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action being taken to address the most recent cuts to Ireland's fishing quotas, following on from previous cuts of 26% in 2024 as a result of Brexit, and 22% in 2025; if he accepts that these cuts will have a devastating impact on the Irish fishing fleet and processors, especially the inland fisheries sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9355/26]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9423/26]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9441/26]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspections carried out by his Department, or on its behalf, relating specifically to the welfare of exotic animals kept as pets, including reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates and non-domesticated mammals, in each of the years 2020 to 2025 inclusive; the number of non-compliances identified; the number of animals seized; and the number of prosecutions initiated arising from such inspections, in tabular form. — Ken O’Flynn. [9496/26]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department maintains disaggregated records relating specifically to inspections, seizures and enforcement actions involving exotic pets, distinct from other animal welfare cases; and if not, the reason such records are not maintained. — Ken O’Flynn. [9497/26]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to set out clearly which public body holds lead statutory responsibility for the routine inspection and enforcement of animal welfare standards in respect of exotic animals kept as pets in private ownership; and how responsibility is apportioned between his Department, local authorities, and any other State bodies. — Ken O’Flynn. [9498/26]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has conducted or commissioned any formal risk assessments since 2015 relating to zoonotic disease, public health risk, or biosecurity threats arising from the private ownership of exotic pets; if so, to provide the dates, scope and issuing bodies of such assessments; and if not, the reason no such assessments have been undertaken. — Ken O’Flynn. [9499/26]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of veterinary inspectors employed by or available to his Department who have formal training or recognised expertise in the treatment and welfare of exotic species; and whether his Department has identified any gaps in national capacity to deal with the seizure, treatment or rehoming of exotic animals. — Ken O’Flynn. [9500/26]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of investigations carried out by his Department since 2020 into the sale or supply of exotic pets through online platforms; the number of breaches identified under the Animal Health and Welfare (Sale or Supply of Pet Animals) Regulations 2019; and the enforcement actions taken in each year. — Ken O’Flynn. [9501/26]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he will initiate a specific, time-bound review of the regulation of exotic pets in Ireland, separate from the general Animal Welfare Strategy, including consideration of positive or prohibited species lists; and if so, the proposed commencement date and reporting timeline. — Ken O’Flynn. [9502/26]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made in addressing the issue of wandering, unchipped horses in urban settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9519/26]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he and his Department have conducted to address animal welfare concerns on Irish pig farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [9604/26]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason applications for TAMS 3 for solar PV grants that have an apparent poor success rate; if he can provide data

showing the total number of applications; the total number of grants awarded; the total value of same in 2024 and 2025; the breakdown of grants, by percentage awarded to dairy, sheep, beef and tillage farms; if he will consider a review of the eligibility and scoring criteria to ensure more applications are successful, particularly from energy intensive dairy farms, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9650/26]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the enactment of the Protection of the Native Irish Honeybee Bill 2021 to ensure the protection of native species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [9669/26]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9794/26]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a mussel seed fishery will be opened (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9826/26]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the Protection of the Native Irish Honey Bee Bill 2021 (details supplied); whether the review has concluded; his plans to publish the research and findings; whether his Department now considers that there exists a robust scientific and legal basis for legislative action; and whether the Government plans to progress or amend the Bill or bring forward an alternative legislative measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9887/26]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10147/26]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details on the level of monitoring and inspections of the large EU registered pelagic freezer trawlers Dutch owned operating off the Irish coast before Christmas 2025, and targeting horse mackerel, which has taken place; and the landings made by these vessels including bycatches of boarfish. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10189/26]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on his Departments research and analysis of the current closed period model for the restriction of slurry and chemical fertiliser; if issues have been highlighted by farmers to his Department in relation to this model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10190/26]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to the provision of a more flexible model of the closed period for the restriction of slurry and chemical fertiliser, in order that farmers can work with Ireland’s unpredictable weather conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10191/26]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to the provision of a condition based model on a computer or smart phone application in conjunction with Met Éireann rainfall reports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [10192/26]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the greyhound track attendance statistics for 2025, covering both Greyhound Racing Ireland tracks

and private tracks; and the breakdown of the figures, by attendance at each track, type of entry, that is, paid entry, free entry, entry by adults, children, staff, owners and trainers, bookmakers, press, and so on, and type of event, that is, racing, trials, sales, and non-racing events, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [10200/26]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of reported incidents of inappropriate slurry spreading over the past year in each county; the outcome of investigations, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10266/26]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the recent animal cruelty reports due to illegal harness racing and sulky racing that is currently happening on Irish roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [10441/26]

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

\*902. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage and number of women, who availed of their full entitlement of parents leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9595/26]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage and number of men that availed of their full entitlement of parents leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9596/26]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage and number of men that availed of their full entitlement of paternity leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9597/26]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of group homes and residential disability services operating in the Cavan–Monaghan area, by those catering primarily for people with intellectual disabilities; people with physical and/or sensory disabilities; the number of residents supported in each category; the service providers responsible for these homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [9798/26]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown, by county of HIQA-registered group homes by disability type, including intellectual, physical, sensory, and mixed-disability services, to ensure transparency and support evidence-based disability service planning. — David Maxwell. [9799/26]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will introduce the option to share/transfer parent’s leave between parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [9871/26]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who, having been referred in 2024 for an assessment of needs at East Limerick Children’s Disability Network Team, has yet to receive an appointment date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [10135/26]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of decision making assistance agreements, co-decision making agreements and decision making representation orders currently in force; the number of cases in which a parent or close family member has been appointed under each category; the average processing or waiting times for families engaging with the Decision Support Service and the courts to formalise such arrangements; whether her Department has identified delays or barriers in this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10354/26]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has examined the operation of (details supplied) in cases involving adults over 18 years-of-age with severe intellectual disabilities and complex additional needs, particularly where parents who have been lifelong carers are no longer formally recognised in decision making processes; the steps which are being taken to ensure that parents are not unnecessarily excluded from supporting the will and preferences of their son or daughter following their transition to adulthood; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10355/26]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if further to statements (details supplied) she will consider the serious issues raised in related correspondence. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [10401/26]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently engaged with or referred to Children's Disability Network Teams who are awaiting a diagnostic assessment, by CHO area, length of time waiting, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10489/26]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress she has made on implementing recommendations for disability support services; the specific improvements she has targeted for community-based facilities in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9186/26]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9222/26]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports and services available to assist a child in preschool, who is not deaf, transition from Lámh to ISL; if any such service is available through their CDNT service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [9243/26]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports and services available to assist a child in preschool, who is not deaf, transition from Lámh to ISL; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [9244/26]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports and services available to assist a child (details supplied) transition from Lámh to ISL; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [9245/26]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if proposals are being considered in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [9270/26]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she intends to amend the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 to allow families remain as decision makers for children who mature physically and in age, but not in mental capacity, without the need to apply to the courts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [9276/26]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of cases, in each of the past five years where Tusla initiated emergency child removal proceedings and where one or more material allegations were subsequently withdrawn, admitted being unfounded, or corrected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9372/26]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the safeguards in place to ensure that emergency child protection applications made by Tusla are based solely on verified and contemporaneous evidence; whether her Department has assessed the impact of later-withdrawn or incorrect allegations on District Court decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9373/26]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of cases, in each of the past five years, in which Tusla child protection proceedings involved a parent with a diagnosed autism spectrum condition or intellectual disability; whether additional safeguards or assessment protocols apply in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9374/26]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the mandatory training requirements for Tusla social workers in respect of autism, neurodiversity, and disability awareness; the frequency with which such training is refreshed; and whether compliance with these requirements is monitored by her Department. — Ken O'Flynn. [9375/26]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the disciplinary procedures that apply where a Tusla social worker provides inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information to a court; the number of disciplinary actions taken in such circumstances in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9376/26]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the statutory and policy thresholds applied by Tusla when seeking emergency removal orders under the Child Care Act 1991; whether her Department has reviewed the proportionality and consistency of their use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9377/26]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the governance arrangements governing the reliance by Tusla on hospital-based child protection reports when initiating emergency proceedings; whether there is a requirement for independent verification prior to court applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9378/26]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has undertaken any review of cases where emergency child removals were later found to be based on incorrect or withdrawn allegations; the redress mechanisms available to affected families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9379/26]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department collects and publishes aggregate data on withdrawn allegations, failed emergency applications,

or post-hoc corrections in Tusla child protection cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9381/26]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average and median duration, in each of the past five years, that children under one year of age remain in State care following emergency removal; the proportion of such children returned to their parent or parents within three months, six months, and twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9389/26]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the outcomes, in each of the past five years, of emergency child removal cases involving children under one year of age, including the number resulting in reunification with a parent or parents, long-term care orders, adoption, or guardianship arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9390/26]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or Tusla conducts any independent review, audit, or quality-assurance process of emergency child removal decisions involving children under one year of age; whether such processes examine evidential accuracy, proportionality, and decision-making thresholds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9391/26]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within her Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9424/26]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the extent to which her Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9442/26]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any of the State’s acquisition of buildings intended for the purpose of developing early year facilities will be located in Dublin’s north city. — Marie Sherlock. [9508/26]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the criteria for the State’s purchase of buildings for the purposes of developing early year facilities. — Marie Sherlock. [9509/26]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider reimbursement for parents who are having to arrange private psychological assessments for their children in North Tipperary as there is currently no psychologists to carry out assessments through the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [9517/26]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason for the ongoing delays in AON assessments nationwide; the plans her Department has to address this situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9670/26]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will provide not for profit community childcare facilities, on publicly owned land, given private operators are providing these services at huge cost to parents on mixed tenure social affordable developments especially in Fingal which is one of the worst areas in the country for the provision of not for

profit childcare facilities, with 5% of childcare not for profit while the county average is 25%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9691/26]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a person (details supplied) could avail of the respite facility attached to the school they are attending despite living in a different county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9697/26]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown of group homes and residential services in the Cavan–Monaghan area by disability type, including those supporting people with intellectual disabilities and those supporting people with physical and/or sensory disabilities; the identified gaps in provision for people with physical and sensory disabilities in this region; and the plans which exist to address any imbalance in residential service provision. — David Maxwell. [9800/26]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department or the HSE has conducted a needs assessment for residential group home provision for people with physical and/or sensory disabilities in the Cavan–Monaghan area; if not, when such an assessment will be undertaken; and the way in which future capital and service planning will ensure equitable access to residential supports across disability types. — David Maxwell. [9801/26]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on any further announcements, beyond those already made, regarding the establishment of new family resource centres in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2026; the status of any applications or site assessments relating to Cavan and Monaghan; whether any funding has been ring-fenced for this purpose; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Maxwell. [9802/26]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the list of properties identified for refurbishment for childcare services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [9872/26]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on Action 44 of Nurturing Skills to examine development of a range of entry routes into the early years sector, including apprenticeships or other work-based learning, and access programmes in FE and HE; the correspondence she has had with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in respect of same; if she would consider an apprenticeship model could potentially bring new cohorts of early years professionals with diverse backgrounds and skills into the sector and that this would be a positive for children in general, but also encouraging for those from minority or disadvantaged backgrounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9907/26]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of private companies and charities registered by Tusla’s Alternative Care Inspection and Monitoring Service as children’s homes; and to provide a list of same. — Claire Kerrane. [9909/26]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of inspections that have been conducted by Tusla’s Alternative Care Inspection and Monitoring Service since it was established, by year; the number of issues that have been identified; and the number of re-inspections that have taken place, by year. — Claire Kerrane. [9910/26]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of the recommendations made by the report into special care that have been implemented. — Claire Kerrane. [9911/26]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason Tusla has not filled the position of data protection officer (DPO) since 2022; for how long it has had an ‘interim’ data protection officer”; the number of people that have held this role to date; the efforts being made to fill the role of DPO; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9912/26]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government’s commitment to develop a multi-year capital plan for residential living options for adults with intellectual disabilities; if her Department records the number of elderly primary carers in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [9947/26]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently address the issues raised in respect of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [10015/26]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the services that are available for a child who has a brain tumour and requires a full-time nurse while attending preschool; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [10114/26]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under her remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10148/26]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in County Meath waiting for an assessment of need at the latest available point in 2025 and 2024; the number of assessments conducted in year to date and in 2024; and the number of applications received in those periods, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [10269/26]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for children’s disability network team services in County Meath, at the latest available point in 2025, broken down by team and service type, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [10270/26]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people in County Meath waiting for disability services outside CDNTs, broken down by service type, at the latest available point in 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [10271/26]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated full year costs of providing 60,000 additional home support hours. — Aidan Farrelly. [10313/26]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated full year costs of providing 135,000 additional personal assistant hours. — Aidan Farrelly. [10314/26]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline the funding supports made available by her Department for the establishment and continuation of parent and baby/toddler groups; the measures her Department is currently taking to assist such groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [10338/26]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE speech and language therapist posts, by grade filled at Tymon CDNT as of 4 February 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [10388/26]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagement her Department will have with the Land Development Agency as part of the move to State acquisition of childcare buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [10396/26]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people who have applied for redress in respect of the Magdalene restorative justice ex-gratia scheme in each year since its establishment; and the number of applicants who have received redress, and in what form, broken down by category. — Sorca Clarke. [10414/26]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason for delay in processing payments for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10433/26]

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

\*963. To ask the Minister for Health the total sum of money allocated to fund the wait list action plan 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [9152/26]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9162/26]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she has in place to improve access to primary care in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9183/26]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Health the actions she is taking to reduce ambulance response times in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9184/26]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to enhance elderly care services, particularly home care packages, in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9185/26]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to address any delays in cancer screening programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9187/26]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation she has made in the health budget for preventive care initiatives targeted at County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9188/26]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Health the funding she has allocated to mental health services in County Offaly in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9189/26]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for any ongoing staff shortages at the Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore, County Offaly; the recruitment targets she has set for the facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9190/26]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to address pressures on hospital services at the Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore, County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9191/26]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 551 of 11 July 2025, when children's eye clinic services will resume in Portlaoise; if the recruitment process has concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [9193/26]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria and process by which community based mental health and counselling services can be formally recognised by the HSE for referral purposes; and the steps being taken to ensure that primary care teams in Cork have access to and are actively referring to accredited local services to address waiting lists. — Ken O'Flynn. [9198/26]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1018 and 1019 of 20 January 2026, to confirm whether she accepts that CORU currently has no mechanism to receive or assess systemic or organisational ethical breaches affecting professional practice; whether she considers reliance on internal organisational processes and protected disclosures sufficient to meet the State's public-protection obligations; and if not, when she intends to bring forward proposals to address the regulatory gap in CORU's regulatory framework she has now acknowledged. — Paul Murphy. [9217/26]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a case (details supplied); and if she will instruct her Department to investigate the matter to ensure that the people affected are able to receive the care they deserve. — Paul Murphy. [9223/26]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Clifden, County Galway has been left without any ambulance cover on a number of occasions recently (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [9227/26]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the progress of the surgical hub for Letterkenny University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [9235/26]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports available for a young person (details supplied), who requires surgery which cannot be performed in Ireland, the UK, Europe or Switzerland, and therefore, must travel to US.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9249/26]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a campaign or strategy in place to increase GP capacity, particularly in growing towns such as Skerries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [9253/26]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant occupational therapist posts in Meath; and when these will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9257/26]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists the State hired in each of the years 2020-2025, by area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9258/26]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently on a waiting list to see an occupational therapist (primary care) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9259/26]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people are currently on a waiting list to see an occupational therapist (CAMHS) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9260/26]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Health the interim measures in place for people waiting for an appointment with a primary care occupational therapist but cannot see one as the post is vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9261/26]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to restrict or reduce access free screening such as SH:24 for those who are asymptomatic; if so, the intentions behind such a move to reduce access to regular screening for sexually transmitted infections; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [9262/26]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be considered for funding for surgery in the USA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [9265/26]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Health the ways an individual can complete the medical card review; if there is a paper form alternative for individuals to complete the review of the medical card; and if the HSE believes that the online system to renew medical cards is inclusive of older persons and individuals with a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [9266/26]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to basing the cost of the licence to sell cigarettes, currently at €1,000 on the volume of cigarettes sold; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9274/26]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Health the full list of recommendations contained in a value for money review of nursing home care costs which were accepted by her Department; for each recommendation, the current implementation status; the date on which implementation commenced, if at all; the legislative, regulatory, or administrative barriers cited for non-implementation; and when full implementation will occur; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9293/26]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Health the reason none of the core structural recommendations of a value for money review of nursing home care costs, published over five years ago, have been fully implemented despite formal Government acceptance; and whether she accepts that this constitutes a policy failure by her Department.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9294/26]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Health the number of progress reports her Department committed to publishing under the review's governance framework; the number that were actually published; to provide copies of same; to explain any failure to comply with the reporting commitments given to Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9295/26]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Health when the interRAI Single Assessment Tool will be fully operational nationwide for residents in long-term residential care; to provide the original

implementation timeline; the current timeline; the reasons for repeated delays.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9296/26]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Health the reason interRAI assessments are not currently used to determine NHSS funding levels, despite Government acceptance of needs-based funding; whether she accepts that nursing homes continue to be funded on flat-rate pricing regardless of resident dependency.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9297/26]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home residents nationally have been assessed using interRAI to date; what percentage this represents of the total NHSS population; whether she accepts that the current dataset is insufficient to justify further delay in reform.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9298/26]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Health whether any legislative amendments required to link NHSS funding to interRAI-determined care needs have been drafted; the reason; and when such legislation will be brought before the Oireachtas. — Ken O’Flynn. [9299/26]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no resource utilisation group or case-mix pricing model has been introduced for long-term residential care, despite explicit recommendations and international precedent; and whether her Department has set a definitive implementation deadline. — Ken O’Flynn. [9300/26]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Health the international models of dependency-based nursing home funding have been examined by her Department; which were deemed suitable for Ireland; and why none have been adopted. — Ken O’Flynn. [9301/26]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Health when a National Safe Staffing and Skill Mix Framework for nursing homes will be finalised; to provide the date the pilot commenced; the number of pilot sites; the reason the framework remains in pilot stage several years after acceptance.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9302/26]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Health whether any funding uplift has been provided to voluntary nursing homes to meet the staffing expectations emerging from safe staffing pilots; and if not, how providers are expected to absorb rising staffing costs. — Ken O’Flynn. [9303/26]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that voluntary nursing homes are being held to rising regulatory and clinical standards without any binding national staffing ratios or corresponding funding. — Ken O’Flynn. [9304/26]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the average weekly cost per resident in public nursing homes compared with NHSS-funded voluntary and private homes; and whether she accepts that public units frequently operate above NHSS price ceilings. — Ken O’Flynn. [9305/26]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Health whether voluntary nursing homes receive any compensatory funding where public nursing homes exceed NHSS ceilings; the way in which pricing parity is justified.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9306/26]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Health when the Department last published a full variance analysis of actual public nursing home costs against NHSS ceilings, as recommended in the value for money review; and to provide the most recent data. — Ken O’Flynn. [9307/26]

- \*1005. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that recent NTPF price increases for 2026, ranging between approximately 1.5% and 2.5% in multiple locations, fail to reflect statutory wage increases, pension auto-enrolment costs, and workforce pressures. — Ken O’Flynn. [9308/26]
- \*1006. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the cumulative impact of minimum wage increases since 2024, employment permit salary thresholds, and pension auto-enrolment on nursing home operating costs; and if so, to provide the analysis. — Ken O’Flynn. [9309/26]
- \*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the reason nursing homes in Northern Ireland received rate increases of approximately 7% linked to minimum wage rises, while comparable homes in this jurisdiction received significantly lower uplifts. — Ken O’Flynn. [9310/26]
- \*1008. To ask the Minister for Health which recommendations from the independent review examining the role of voluntary organisations in publicly funded health and social care, published in 2019, have been implemented to date; and to provide timelines for those outstanding.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9311/26]
- \*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no multi-annual funding framework has been introduced for voluntary healthcare providers despite explicit recommendations; and whether she accepts that this undermines workforce planning and financial sustainability. — Ken O’Flynn. [9312/26]
- \*1010. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has established the formal partnership model with voluntary providers promised in the 2019 review; and if not, the reason that commitment has not been honoured. — Ken O’Flynn. [9313/26]
- \*1011. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has quantified the administrative and compliance burden imposed on voluntary nursing homes in recent years; whether any funding has been provided to offset these additional requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [9314/26]
- \*1012. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that increasing reporting, compliance and governance obligations have not been matched by increased frontline funding for voluntary providers. — Ken O’Flynn. [9315/26]
- \*1013. To ask the Minister for Health the person within her Department that holds senior accountability for the implementation of nursing home funding reform; to provide their grade; and to outline the governance structures overseeing delivery. — Ken O’Flynn. [9316/26]
- \*1014. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal or external audit has been conducted into the failure to implement accepted nursing home reform recommendations; and if not, the reason no accountability review has taken place. — Ken O’Flynn. [9317/26]
- \*1015. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the financial viability risk facing voluntary nursing homes arising from policy delays, wage inflation, and insufficient NHSS pricing; and if so, to provide the findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [9318/26]
- \*1016. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that continued delay in reform places continuity of care for older residents at risk; and what contingency planning exists should voluntary homes withdraw capacity. — Ken O’Flynn. [9319/26]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Health whether she was advised, at any point between 2020 and 2025, that there was no Department of Health or HSE policy governing the collection, verification, or publication of data relating to gender identity services for children and young people; the dates on which any such advice was provided; the officials or offices that provided that advice; and the actions, if any, she directed in response. — Ken O’Flynn. [9328/26]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department conducted or commissioned any formal governance, risk, or child safeguarding assessment addressing the absence of routine data collection, outcome monitoring, or longitudinal follow-up in paediatric gender identity services prior to approving or revising policy or models of care since 2020; and if not, to outline the rationale for proceeding with policy development in the absence of such assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [9329/26]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure urgent access to a treatment where clinicians advise that delay risks irreversible loss of neurological and functional ability (details supplied); if 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. — Pádraig Rice. [9330/26]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department receives, holds, or reviews data relating to the total annual revenue generated from car parking charges at Cork University Hospital; and if so, to provide the figures available to her Department for each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9344/26]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has issued any policy guidance, circulars, or directions to the HSE regarding the permitted or intended use of revenue generated from hospital car parking charges; and if so, to outline the expenditure categories to which such revenue may be applied, including maintenance, staffing, capital works, or payments to third-party operators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9345/26]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Health the governance, reporting, and oversight arrangements in place, by which her Department assures itself that revenue generated from hospital car parking charges is properly accounted for, audited, and used in accordance with public financial procedures; and to outline the specific mechanisms by which such assurance is obtained in respect of Cork University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9346/26]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current status of the Programme for Government commitments relating to hospital car parking charges, including daily caps and flexible or reduced-rate parking arrangements; to specify which commitments have been implemented to date; which remain outstanding; the reasons for any delay; and the expected timeline for delivery of outstanding commitments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9347/26]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has undertaken, commissioned, or relied upon any assessment, review, or analysis of the impact of hospital car parking charges on patients and families attending large regional hospitals with extensive catchment areas, including Cork University Hospital; and if so, to provide details of such assessments and their findings; and if not, to state whether any such assessment is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9348/26]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the process by which her Department reviews, updates, or revises its standard responses to parliamentary questions on hospital car parking policy; and to state whether any substantive policy or administrative changes have occurred since January 2024 that would warrant updated guidance or revised responses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9349/26]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of residential properties currently owned by the Health Service Executive which are vacant; the number deemed surplus to requirements; the length of time each property has been vacant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9367/26]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the policy framework governing the retention, disposal, or repurposing of vacant residential properties owned by the Health Service Executive; when this policy was last reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9368/26]

\*1028. To ask the Minister for Health what formal engagement has taken place between his Department, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the Land Development Agency regarding the potential transfer or reuse of vacant HSE-owned residential properties for housing purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9369/26]

\*1029. To ask the Minister for Health to identify the principal legal, financial, or administrative barriers preventing the timely reuse or disposal of vacant residential properties owned by the Health Service Executive; the steps being taken to address these barriers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9370/26]

\*1030. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost to the State of maintaining vacant residential properties owned by the Health Service Executive, including security, insurance, and maintenance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9371/26]

\*1031. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has received, requested, or reviewed the expert group assessment commissioned by the HSE Chief Clinical Officer on the implications for Irish gender healthcare services of the final Cass Review; when this assessment was completed; whether it has been submitted to the HSE Chief Executive Officer for consideration; and when she expects this assessment to be published or otherwise made available to the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9413/26]

\*1032. To ask the Minister for Health whether the assessment of the final Cass Review completed by the HSE-appointed expert group will be treated as binding clinical guidance, advisory evidence, or background material only for the purposes of national healthcare policy; whether she has issued or intends to issue any direction regarding its status within the development of the national Model of Care for Gender Healthcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9414/26]

\*1033. To ask the Minister for Health what interim clinical governance, safeguards, or policy instructions are currently in place for the provision of gender healthcare services to children and adolescents pending the publication and consideration of the completed expert group assessment of the Cass Review; whether any changes to clinical practice have been paused, amended, or permitted during this interim period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9415/26]

- \*1034. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the Department's formal policy and methodology for evaluating international clinical guidance prior to its consideration or adoption within national healthcare frameworks; whether any such formal evaluation was undertaken in respect of the WPATH Standards of Care between 2018 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [9416/26]
- \*1035. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within her Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9433/26]
- \*1036. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which her Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9451/26]
- \*1037. To ask the Minister for Health the supports in place from her Department to assist section 39 organisations to become more cyber resilient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9463/26]
- \*1038. To ask the Minister for Health the supports which are available for pre and post-natal exercise programmes. — Malcolm Byrne. [9464/26]
- \*1039. To ask the Minister for Health the governance framework under which funding for chronic pain services is currently allocated, given that the HSE has confirmed that funding decisions are made at regional level without national expenditure data; when this decentralised approach was approved by her Department; and the oversight mechanisms her Department has in place to ensure consistency and equity of access to chronic pain services nationwide. — Ken O'Flynn. [9472/26]
- \*1040. To ask the Minister for Health if she accepts that the absence of national-level expenditure data for chronic pain services represents a gap in financial oversight; when her Department last formally requested national expenditure data from the HSE for chronic pain services; and the actions she is taking to ensure that comprehensive national financial reporting is put in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [9473/26]
- \*1041. To ask the Minister for Health the date by which her Department will require the HSE to implement mandatory national reporting on chronic pain services, including expenditure, activity, and outcomes across all health regions; and whether this reporting will be standardised and published as part of the National Performance Report. — Ken O'Flynn. [9474/26]
- \*1042. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has specified, or intends to specify, a minimum national dataset for chronic pain services, including waiting times, consultant capacity, referral pathways, and treatment modalities; and when such standards will be issued to the HSE. — Ken O'Flynn. [9475/26]
- \*1043. To ask the Minister for Health what assessment her Department has made of regional variation in access to specialist chronic pain services following the establishment of the six health regions; and the measures she will take to prevent inequitable access to care based on geographic location. — Ken O'Flynn. [9476/26]
- \*1044. To ask the Minister for Health whether she intends to ring-fence funding within chronic pain services for older adults, in light of evidence showing high prevalence of untreated chronic

pain in this cohort; and if not, how her Department will ensure that the needs of older people with chronic pain are prioritised consistently across all health regions. — Ken O’Flynn. [9477/26]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Health Service Executive records the actual duration of trolley waits exceeding 24 hours for emergency department patients; if not, whether such information is captured within hospital patient administration or emergency department information systems but not collated centrally; when the Minister became aware that maximum trolley wait times are not recorded or reported; and whether he considers the absence of this data compatible with effective patient safety oversight and hospital performance management. — Ken O’Flynn. [9478/26]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Health what national information systems are used by the Health Service Executive to record emergency department patient flow and trolley wait times; whether those systems are technically capable of recording precise wait durations beyond 24 hours; and if so, the reason such data is not routinely extracted, analysed, or published on a hospital-by-hospital basis. — Ken O’Flynn. [9479/26]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Health whether he has issued, or intends to issue, any direction to the Health Service Executive to begin recording and publishing maximum trolley wait times by hospital for emergency department patients; if not, the reason for this decision; and whether he will commit to implementing such reporting as part of national urgent and emergency care oversight. — Ken O’Flynn. [9480/26]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Health whether he accepts that the failure to identify and monitor the longest emergency department trolley waits limits the ability of the Health Service Executive and the Department of Health to detect extreme delays that may present patient safety risks; and the alternative safeguards are relied upon in the absence of maximum trolley wait-time data. — Ken O’Flynn. [9481/26]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department has examined emergency department wait-time reporting standards in comparable health systems; whether the non-recording of maximum trolley wait durations aligns with international best practice; and if not, what steps are planned to address this gap. — Ken O’Flynn. [9482/26]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has formally approved any national governance or clinical policy framework for gender identity services for children and young people provided by the Health Service Executive; if so, the date of that approval; and if not, the reason no Department-approved framework is currently in place for services involving minors. — Ken O’Flynn. [9483/26]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Health the date of the most recent Department-led review, audit, or evaluation of governance and safeguarding arrangements for gender identity services for children and young people; whether that review was internal or external; and whether its findings were provided to her Department for policy or regulatory action. — Ken O’Flynn. [9484/26]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has issued mandatory national safeguarding, clinical governance, or diagnostic standards for gender identity services for children and young people; whether compliance with such standards is a condition of service provision; and how compliance is monitored or enforced at national level by her Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [9485/26]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department is aware that structured national datasets for gender identity services for minors, including referral volumes, diagnostic profiles, treatment pathways, and outcomes, are not currently in place; and whether she considers the absence of such datasets compatible with evidence-based healthcare planning and safeguarding obligations. — Ken O’Flynn. [9486/26]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has issued, or intends to issue, a ministerial policy direction requiring the establishment of national datasets for gender identity services for children and young people; and if so, the proposed scope, governance arrangements, and timeline for implementation. — Ken O’Flynn. [9487/26]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that responsibility for national policy, safeguarding standards, and governance frameworks for services involving children rests with her Department rather than with clinical programmes established by the Health Service Executive; and how that responsibility is exercised in the context of gender identity services for minors. — Ken O’Flynn. [9488/26]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the evidence base underpinning current or proposed models of care for gender identity services for children and young people; whether international reviews or guidance were considered in that assessment; and whether any such assessment has been formally documented. — Ken O’Flynn. [9489/26]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department receives routine reports from the Health Service Executive on governance, safeguarding, activity levels, and outcomes relating to gender identity services for minors; and if not, the steps she intends to take to ensure appropriate ministerial oversight of services involving children. — Ken O’Flynn. [9490/26]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Health the mean and median waiting time, by hospital group, for a first outpatient assessment in publicly funded chronic pain services at end-December 2025; and the number of persons on those waiting lists in each hospital group. — Ken O’Flynn. [9503/26]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting longer than six months and longer than twelve months, by hospital group, for a first outpatient assessment in publicly funded chronic pain services at end-December 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [9504/26]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Health the longest waiting time recorded nationally at end-December 2025 for a first outpatient assessment in publicly funded chronic pain services; and the hospital group and hospital in which that longest waiting time occurred. — Ken O’Flynn. [9505/26]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE or the National Treatment Purchase Fund hold waiting-list data for publicly funded chronic pain services in time bands, including persons waiting longer than six months and longer than twelve months, for first outpatient assessment lists; and if not, the reason such time-band data is not produced where mean and median waiting-time data is produced. — Ken O’Flynn. [9506/26]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant-led publicly funded chronic pain clinics in each hospital group; the approved whole-time equivalent staffing complement for each clinic at end-December 2025; and the number of unfilled posts at that date. — Ken O’Flynn. [9507/26]

- \*1063. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 995 of 20 January 2026, the rationale of the way the community pharmacy service can provide full medication optimisation, given that it does not have the access to the GP and the full patient medical history held by the GP, which was core to the success of the proven iSIMPATHY project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9511/26]
- \*1064. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric neurologists available publicly, by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9588/26]
- \*1065. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for first-time and follow-up paediatric neurology appointments nationally; the number of children waiting more than 6, 12, and 18 months; the steps being taken to reduce these waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9589/26]
- \*1066. To ask the Minister for Health the level of paediatric neurology provision available to children living in the West of Ireland; the number of clinics held in the region; whether the current service meets the needs of the population as assessed by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9590/26]
- \*1067. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children from County Mayo currently awaiting paediatric neurology assessment; the average waiting time; the number of children waiting more than 12 months; the number of children who must travel outside the county for assessment or treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9591/26]
- \*1068. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric neurology outreach clinics provided in Mayo and the wider Saolta Hospital Group area in each of the past five years; the number of children seen; and whether the HSE plans to expand local provision to reduce travel burdens on families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9592/26]
- \*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been declined a medical card renewal despite significant medical complications; if she will instruct the HSE to review the case and issue them with a card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [9599/26]
- \*1070. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently review the case of a person (details supplied) in relation to their personal assistant budget; the status of this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9657/26]
- \*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances at each ambulance station in the state; the number for each of the past three years, including the location of each ambulance station, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [9659/26]
- \*1072. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for an ambulance in each CHO district; the average waiting time nationally; the average waiting times for each of the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [9660/26]
- \*1073. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times a person ringing the national ambulance service has been told that there is no ambulance available; the number of times per ambulance station that this has happened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [9661/26]

\*1074. To ask the Minister for Health the number of employees employed by the national ambulance service; the number per ambulance station; their rank; the number for the last three years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [9662/26]

\*1075. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for oversight of compliance with the Disability Act in CHO 8; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9671/26]

\*1076. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the abolition of parking fee charges in hospitals. — Thomas Gould. [9674/26]

\*1077. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid in parking fees to each of the Cork hospitals in 2024 and 2025 respectively, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [9676/26]

\*1078. To ask the Minister for Health her views on correspondence (details supplied) regarding a delayed hospital appointment for a person in Dublin 9; the steps being taken to prevent such instances from reoccurring; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [9685/26]

\*1079. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated price, per patient, of the standard flu vaccine and of the enhanced flu vaccine; if she will introduce a policy of offering both vaccinations and allowing patients decide if they want to pay the extra cost of the enhanced vaccine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9686/26]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will request that the NIAC update its recommendation on enhanced influenza vaccination for older persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [9687/26]

\*1081. To ask the Minister for Health to issue a detailed report in regards to the CAMHS scandal in both north and south Kerry, including all related costs to date (details supplied); when all cases will be finalised; when the north Kerry CAMHS Lookback review will be published; if these children many who are young adults today and their families will receive a State apology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9723/26]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals and major healthcare facilities operating at or near maximum electricity capacity, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9745/26]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Health whether any hospital developments, upgrades or diagnostic facilities have been delayed due to electricity grid capacity constraints or connection timelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9746/26]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Health whether hospitals seeking to install on site renewable generation, battery storage or heat pumps have encountered grid, planning or regulatory barriers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [9747/26]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of health-related statements currently published on Wind Energy Ireland's website (details supplied); if she will confirm whether the quotation accurately reflects her Departments official position and the current scientific and public health evidence base; if her Department has authorised or approved the use of this statement in public communications by Wind Energy Ireland, given that her Department has previously

contacted Wind Energy Ireland regarding health messaging; and if she will make a public statement clarifying her Department's position in order to ensure that the public is not presented with potentially misleading or incomplete health information. — Richard O'Donoghue. [9752/26]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which consultant staffing levels and specialist resources are allocated between University Hospital Galway and Mayo University Hospital. — Paul Lawless. [9765/26]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Mayo University Hospital has significantly fewer orthopaedic surgeons, radiologists and no full-time permanent oncologist despite comparable activity levels and a catchment area that includes parts of Roscommon and Sligo. — Paul Lawless. [9766/26]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to ensure equitable distribution of consultants and resources across the Saolta Hospital Group. — Paul Lawless. [9767/26]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine whether resources originally intended for Mayo are being diverted to Galway. — Paul Lawless. [9768/26]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to shorten the dietetics weight management waitlist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [9785/26]

\*1091. To ask the Minister for Health if the recent increase of €20 in the State pension in Budget 2026 will result in pensioners being over the threshold for a medical card; if she will increase the income threshold to ensure this does not happen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [9786/26]

\*1092. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the rules governing pharmacy charges for blister-pack dispensing, including whether such fees must be explicitly itemised and displayed under PSI transparency guidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9791/26]

\*1093. To ask the Minister for Health to provide further details with respect to the establishment of 11 regional structures under the National Drugs Strategy; to clarify the governance, funding and accountability arrangements for these structures; if these new structures will replace or absorb existing local drug and alcohol task forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [9812/26]

\*1094. To ask the Minister for Health to provide further details with respect to the population-based planning that will be used for new National Drugs Strategy structures; the way in which deprivation and local need will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [9813/26]

\*1095. 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. — Pádraig Rice. [9814/26]

\*1096. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the independent, community-led nature, and preventative role, of local drug and alcohol 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. — Pádraig Rice. [9815/26]

\*1097. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9816/26]

\*1098. To ask the Minister for Health when hip operations will be available in Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore (which were carried out in the recent past) under the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9817/26]

\*1099. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant neurologists that are currently dealing and treating public only patients at University Hospital Waterford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [9827/26]

\*1100. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of children referred for spinal surgery under outsourcing arrangements in 2025; the number of children who have been treated in 2025 and to-date in 2026; the breakdown by destination hospital including Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital New York and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital London; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [9828/26]

\*1101. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant ophthalmologists and ophthalmologist registrars based at University Hospital Waterford as of 2 February 2026, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [9840/26]

\*1102. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE public health nurses based in Waterford; and the locations each of those nurses cover, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [9841/26]

\*1103. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to install a second MRI scanner (details supplied) at Cavan General Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9847/26]

\*1104. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the need for a dedicated paediatric neurology service within Mayo University Hospital or elsewhere in the west; if so, the outcome of that assessment and any planned investment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9854/26]

\*1105. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the HSE's pause on the recruitment of physician associates; the reason for the continued delay in completing the review of the PA role; the expected timeline for publication of this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9855/26]

\*1106. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physician associate graduates from the 2024 and 2025 cohorts who remain unable to take up employment in the HSE due to the recruitment pause; the measures being considered to support these graduates pending the completion of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9856/26]

\*1107. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the pause in physician associate recruitment aligns with current workforce planning needs, including pressures on emergency

departments, waiting lists, and consultant and NCHD staffing shortages; the role envisaged for PAs in addressing these challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [9857/26]

\*1108. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent case (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9858/26]

\*1109. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken in relation to the fact that infant formula that was removed from shelves across Europe was also sold in Ireland, despite assurances to the contrary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [9878/26]

\*1110. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to increase GP recruitment and retention in areas of population growth, including Blessington, Co. Wicklow; the supports available for those currently on GP waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [9883/26]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE have carried out an internal review or investigation into the impact of the three-day waiting period provision within the existing abortion legislation, including input from women who continued their pregnancies after an initial consultation about abortion with a GP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9897/26]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Health to report on current number of people opting out of organ donation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9899/26]

\*1113. To ask the Minister for Health her views on plans the HSE has to increase organ donations in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9900/26]

\*1114. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the most current organ donation refusal rate and consent rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9901/26]

\*1115. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the most common reason stated for refusing to donate organs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9902/26]

\*1116. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the average wait time for a transplant, by organ for the most recent data available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9903/26]

\*1117. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the current number of people awaiting transplant by organ; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9904/26]

\*1118. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the number of people for most recent data available who were removed from the transplant wait list for reasons other than receiving a transplant and then died within 90 days of removal from the list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9905/26]

\*1119. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has any centrally approved governance, compliance, or safeguarding framework applicable to non-statutory bodies that receive direct funding from her Department, excluding bodies funded through or overseen by

the HSE; and if not, to state when the absence of such a framework was last examined by her Department and the reason no framework is currently in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [10006/26]

\*1120. To ask the Minister for Health the minimum governance, reporting, and compliance standards are required by her Department to be applied by departmental line units when overseeing non-statutory bodies funded directly by her Department, excluding HSE-funded bodies; whether those standards are set out in written Departmental policy or guidance; and how her Department assures consistency of oversight across line units. — Ken O’Flynn. [10007/26]

\*1121. To ask the Minister for Health what risk assessment, safeguarding assurance, and service-quality oversight mechanisms are operated directly by her Department in respect of non-statutory bodies receiving direct Departmental funding, separate from financial audit, expenditure controls, or post-hoc review by the Comptroller and Auditor General. — Ken O’Flynn. [10008/26]

\*1122. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has carried out any internal review, audit, or evaluation since 2020 of the adequacy of its governance and oversight arrangements for non-statutory bodies funded directly by her Department; and if so, to provide the date of each review, the scope of the review, and the principal findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [10009/26]

\*1123. To ask the Minister for Health if it has been brought to her attention that there is a gross lack of nursing home vacancies in the Mid-West region and that many families are finding it impossible to secure places for ill or disabled relatives that require full nursing home care; her plans to alleviate the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [10044/26]

\*1124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orders for detention in places of care sought from the High Court by the HSE in 2023, 2024 and 2025 through a firm (details supplied); and the related public expenditure. — Barry Heneghan. [10046/26]

\*1125. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available for a child who has a brain tumour and requires a full-time nurse while attending preschool; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [10113/26]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Health for a further update with regard to a reply received to a query regarding a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a much-needed hip replacement. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [10123/26]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding provided to the national treatment purchase fund in 2026, by funding purpose; if there is a stay on funding for outsourcing or any other service provided, or organised by, or through the national treatment purchase fund in general, or for any specific institutions, clinics, or provider otherwise, in tabular form; if so, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10145/26]

\*1128. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding is not available to Tallaght University Hospital for outsourcing inpatient procedures through the National Treatment Purchase Fund; whether this is due to funding not been sanctioned for the year; if there is a reason the hospital is prevented from accessing such funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [10146/26]

\*1129. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under her remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10157/26]

\*1130. To ask the Minister for Health the actions she is taking to resolve the ongoing industrial action involving physiologists; the assessment of the impact of this dispute on diagnostic capacity, waiting lists, and service sustainability at Sligo University Hospital; and if she will engage with the union (details supplied) and the HSE to address pay inequities and support recruitment and retention in these essential diagnostic services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [10165/26]

\*1131. To ask the Minister for Health to outline when she received the Nayagam report (details supplied); when it will be published; and whether any redactions will be limited to only protecting patient confidentiality. — Paul Murphy. [10166/26]

\*1132. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for access to medical cards in Ireland remaining subject to a means test, particularly in light of the system in the United Kingdom where access to healthcare is not means tested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10179/26]

\*1133. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered the experience of Irish citizens returning from the United Kingdom who encounter differences in access to healthcare supports, including eligibility for medical cards; whether guidance or information is provided to assist such individuals in understanding the Irish system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [10180/26]

\*1134. To ask the Minister for Health if, in view of a significant number of healthcare workers continuing to suffer from long covid as a result of their work in the Irish Health Service during the covid pandemic, she will reconsider her stated position in relation to the recognition of long covid as an occupational injury; if she has discussed this important issue with her colleague, the Minister for Social Protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [10186/26]

\*1135. To ask the Minister for Health when a NCPE re-commenced assessment will be completed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [10188/26]

\*1136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved, funded, filled, and vacant posts at University Hospital Waterford associated with emergency PPCI as of 8 April 2025; the level of current funding associated with the service; and the approved but unspent capital funding, if any, allocated for the service at that date. — David Cullinane. [10205/26]

\*1137. To ask the Minister for Health the additional capital investment allocated to emergency PPCI at University Hospital Waterford since 8 April 2025; and the additional amount allocated since that date to progress 24/7 PPCI. — David Cullinane. [10206/26]

\*1138. To ask the Minister for Health the additional current funding allocated to delivering 24/7 PPCI at University Hospital Waterford since 8 April 2025; the purpose of same; and the timeframe to deliver the necessary amount to open 24/7 PPCI. — David Cullinane. [10207/26]

\*1139. To ask the Minister for Health the additional staffing posts required, sought, sanctioned, funded, and vacant or filled to deliver 24/7 PPCI at University Hospital Waterford since 8 April 2025; the total inclusive of existing posts pre-8 April 2025, in tabular form; and the timeframe to deliver the full complement and open 24/7 PPCI. — David Cullinane. [10208/26]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the new Breastfeeding Strategy; and the timeline for publication. — Sorca Clarke. [10209/26]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the progress made with establishing the review of the Medicinal Cannabis Access Programme; if she will provide a timeline for the review and recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [10221/26]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a case where a person approved under the long-term illness scheme for continuous glucose monitoring supports was unable to access these devices due to the creation of a duplicate LTI number on the HSE system (details supplied); the controls in place to prevent duplicate LTI records being created for the same PPS number and date of birth; whether a review will be undertaken of such cases; and if reimbursement will issue where patients incurred personal costs as a result. — Micheál Carrigy. [10222/26]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Health her views on calls for the reinstatement of a 24-hour chaplaincy service at hospitals across the State from concerned citizens. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10223/26]

\*1144. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients leaving without being seen via the emergency department at Navan Hospital; the average time to admission; the waiting time distribution, from 2022 to 2025, and to date in 2026, with separate figures for all patients aged 75 and over, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10237/26]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients leaving without being seen via the emergency department at Our lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; the average time to admission, the waiting time distribution, from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; with separate figures for all patients aged 75 and over, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10238/26]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals that initiated scheduled care cancellations at Navan Hospital, broken down by appointment of procedure type and by adult and child from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10239/26]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals initiated scheduled care cancellations at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, broken down by appointment of procedure type and by adult/child, from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10240/26]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care, delayed discharges as a percentage of total discharges, and bed days lost as a percentage of total bed days at Navan Hospital, from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10241/26]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care, delayed discharges as a percentage of total discharges, and bed days lost as a percentage of total bed days

at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10242/26]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates at Navan Hospital, and the number of days full capacity protocols were in operation at the hospital, from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10243/26]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Health the bed occupancy rates at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, and the number of days full capacity protocols were in operation at the hospital, from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10244/26]

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against patients and staff at Navan Hospital and other HSE facilities in County Meath, from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10245/26]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Health the ambulance response performance for clinical status 1 incidents in the HSE Dublin and Northeast Health Region, including response times, proportions met, and incident volumes by clinical status, from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10246/26]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of ambulance crews available to respond within 20 minutes of emergency department handover at Navan Hospital, and each hospital in the Dublin and Northeast Region, by location, on a quarterly basis for 2023-2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10247/26]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in County Meath on primary care and community services waiting lists, broken down by service type, age group, and length of wait, from December 2022-2025, or latest comparable date, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10248/26]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in County Meath waiting for home support from December 2022-2025 or latest comparable date] and the number of people receiving less than their allocated hours, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10249/26]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in County Meath waiting for CAMHS, broken down by length of wait, on a quarterly basis for 2022-2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10250/26]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in County Meath waiting for Jigsaw, broken down by length of wait, on a quarterly basis for 2022-2025, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [10251/26]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the accessibility of Welireg (belzutifan) for patients with von Hippel-Lindau disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [10252/26]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the current status and future use of the former St Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir; whether the HSE has undertaken or plans to undertake engagement with local community representatives and campaigners regarding potential health service uses for the site; and if consideration has been given to the suitability

of the location for the provision of Level 2 palliative care or other step-down community health services, in line with Sláintecare objectives. — Michael Murphy. [10254/26]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that her environmental health officers (EHOs) have no powers when a public nuisance is emanating from a private dwelling house (details supplied); if she has any proposals to strengthen the law to enable EHOs to intervene to alleviate these public nuisance cases, particularly where the owner of the property causing the nuisance cannot be identified or traced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [10255/26]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in County Meath waiting for diagnostic tests including MRI, CT, ultrasounds and endoscopy, at the latest available data point, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [10256/26]

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Health the capacity and access to public dental services in County Meath, including DTSS participation, claims activity and waiting lists for dental, orthodontic, and dental surgery services, for quarter four 2024 and quarterly in 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [10257/26]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs and GPs providing GMS services in County Meath, by local health area and per 10,000 population, on 1 December for each year from 2020 – 2025, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [10258/26]

\*1165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people resident in County Meath waiting for a first outpatient appointment at Navan Hospital in each of the past three years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, broken down by speciality; and the median and longest waiting times. — Darren O’Rourke. [10259/26]

\*1166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people resident in County Meath waiting for a first outpatient appointment at Our lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in each of the past three years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date, broken down by speciality; and the median and longest waiting times. — Darren O’Rourke. [10260/26]

\*1167. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting ENT (ear, nose and throat) outpatient appointments via Navan Hospital for each of the last three years, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; and to provide waiting times, by urgency category where available. — Darren O’Rourke. [10261/26]

\*1168. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting cardiology outpatient appointments and diagnostics in Navan Hospital catchment area for 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; and the waiting times involved. — Darren O’Rourke. [10262/26]

\*1169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting cardiology outpatient appointments and diagnostics in Our lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, catchment area for 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; and the waiting times involved. — Darren O’Rourke. [10263/26]

\*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications from County Meath awaiting decision/placement under the nursing homes support scheme for each of the last three years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; and the average time from application to funding decision. — Darren O’Rourke. [10264/26]

- \*1171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Meath awaiting HSE public dental services, including special needs dentistry, for each of the past three years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date; and to provide waiting times and staffing levels. — Darren O'Rourke. [10265/26]
- \*1172. To ask the Minister for Health the date when the Government will issue its response to the Citizen's Assembly on Drug Use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [10267/26]
- \*1173. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2415 of 13 January 2026, if she accepts road traffic deaths and serious injuries as a public health harm requiring surveillance; if her Department will collect, analyse and use road-traffic collision and fatality statistics for population health improvement; if she and her Department will engage with the Minister for Transport to support and expedite the routine use and publication of this data as a public health concern for preventing injuries and deaths; and outline any meetings held or planned, actions taken and a timeline for the same. — Sorca Clarke. [10268/26]
- \*1174. To ask the Minister for Health if free cancer screening procedures for women could include those aged 70 years or over (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [10274/26]
- \*1175. To ask the Minister for Health if a serious matter in relation to a ten-year-old boy (details supplied) will be investigated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [10276/26]
- \*1176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in a location by the HSE (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [10280/26]
- \*1177. To ask the Minister for Health for a list of all adult community mental health teams per IHA; the funded WTE posts; the vacant WTE posts; the numbers waiting to access each adult community mental health team; the average wait time to access each adult community mental health team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [10286/26]
- \*1178. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding how cases of illness are monitored in relation to a recall of infant formula (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10291/26]
- \*1179. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with maternity hospitals and other related services in relation to the latest recall of infant formula (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10292/26]
- \*1180. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which confirmation can be provided that there were no cases of illness reported in relation to a recall of infant formula (details supplied); the way in which a family could report such a case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10293/26]
- \*1181. To ask the Minister for Health the role the Health Protection Surveillance Centre played in monitoring possible illness linked to a recall of infant formula (details supplied); if any enhanced or retrospective surveillance undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10294/26]

- \*1182. To ask the Minister for Health the coordination that took place between the Health Products Regulatory Authority, the Food Safety Authority of Ireland, maternity services, public health bodies and any other related agencies to proactively identify any potential health impacts related to the recall of infant formula (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10295/26]
- \*1183. To ask the Minister for Health the formal process that exists in terms to report an infant formula recall to maternity hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10296/26]
- \*1184. To ask the Minister for Health the formal process that exists to report an infant formula recall to neonatal units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10297/26]
- \*1185. To ask the Minister for Health the formal process that exists to report an infant formula recall to GPs and other local doctor services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10298/26]
- \*1186. To ask the Minister for Health the formal process that exists to report an infant formula recall to public health nursing units and other local doctor services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [10299/26]
- \*1187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of births that occurred in each month of 2025 at Coombe Maternity Hospital, Rotunda Hospital and Holles Street, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [10307/26]
- \*1188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapist, occupational therapist and physiotherapist posts, by grade, which have been filled at CHI Crumlin as of 4 February 2026, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [10308/26]
- \*1189. To ask the Minister for Health when the follow up meeting with the HSE and the Board of Newport Day Centre will happen, which was agreed at a meeting on 19 December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [10331/26]
- \*1190. To ask the Minister for Health the current reimbursement arrangements in place for GLP-1 medications; to identify the products currently available under each scheme and the criteria for access; if there are plans to expand access; if further products are undergoing pricing and reimbursement assessment; if so, the status of that work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [10332/26]
- \*1191. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the work of the Commission on Care for Older People; the timeline for publication of its first report; if it has commenced work on module two; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [10333/26]
- \*1192. To ask the Minister for Health if she or her Department intend to introduce a ‘no wait card’ or similar scheme to entitle customers with certain medical conditions to make use of staff toilet facilities in establishments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10336/26]

- \*1193. To ask the Minister for Health to outline her plans to expand supports for those with epidermolysis bullosa and their families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [10344/26]
- \*1194. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that pharmacies have begun imposing a €20 monthly charge for the provision of blister-packed medications; the basis on which this fee is being permitted, given previous indications that the matter was under discussion with his Department; the steps he is taking to prevent the introduction of this charge, which disproportionately affects older, vulnerable and low-income patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10352/26]
- \*1195. To ask the Minister for Health whether patients diagnosed with cancer are automatically entitled to a medical card to ensure full access to necessary diagnostic tests, specialist consultations, treatment, and follow-up care; if not, if she will introduce measures to guarantee automatic medical card provision for all cancer patients to remove financial barriers to care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [10358/26]
- \*1196. To ask the Minister for Health the process for the involuntary admission of a child on the grounds of mental health crisis. — Thomas Gould. [10366/26]
- \*1197. To ask the Minister for Health the location and number of adolescent mental health beds in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [10367/26]
- \*1198. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE staff, by job title currently working at the Supra-Regional Endometriosis Centre in Tallaght University Hospital; the WTE vacancies, by job title; the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [10383/26]
- \*1199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE occupational therapists, by grade posts filled at Springfield-Tallaght primary care centre as of 4 February 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [10384/26]
- \*1200. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to regulate spoken language interpretation within the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [10393/26]
- \*1201. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if private patients who were previously in a programme can be included in the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) programme (details supplied); the plans to expand CDM eligibility to include all patients with chronic diseases, irrespective of their general medical services or doctor visit card status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [10400/26]
- \*1202. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 945 and 946 of 27 January 2026, the reason no clear next steps or timelines have yet been set out for the inclusion of same sex couples in the publicly funded assisted human reproduction scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10413/26]
- \*1203. To ask the Minister for Health when the HIQA Expert Advisory Group on modifications to the BreastCheck screening programme will be established; when she expects the publication of the health technology assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [10416/26]

- \*1204. To ask the Minister for Health if welireg is available to public HSE patients with von Hippel-Lindau disease; the way they can access this treatment; the alternative treatments that are offered through the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [10417/26]
- \*1205. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to standardise protocols for medicolegal autopsies under the Coroners Act 1962, to ensure consistency nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10418/26]
- \*1206. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the overload of medicolegal autopsies is impacting hospital resources; the collaborations in place with the health sector to mitigate this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10419/26]
- \*1207. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to review and update the fees payable to pathologists for coroner-directed autopsies and inquest attendance (unchanged since 2009), to better reflect actual costs and time involved and to encourage continued participation by hospital pathologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [10421/26]
- \*1208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists currently employed by the HSE in Longford, by WTE, the locations to which they are assigned, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [10423/26]
- \*1209. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a person (details supplied) and expedite surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [10424/26]
- \*1210. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure alternative treatment arrangements are put in place for an elderly patient (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [10432/26]
- \*1211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active rural medical dispensaries that are owned and operated by the HSE according to the most recent data available; and the amount of active rural medical dispensaries owned and operated by the HSE 20 years ago, or to the closest data available at that time. — Mattie McGrath. [10435/26]
- \*1212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE owned buildings that have been leased out in the past five years. — Mattie McGrath. [10436/26]
- \*1213. To ask the Minister for Health if vacant buildings owned by the HSE are still equipped with the medical equipment necessary to be reopened with minimal renovations. — Mattie McGrath. [10437/26]
- \*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration that has been given towards reopening vacant rural medical dispensaries; and whether her Department has estimated the cost of reopening vacant medical dispensaries owned by the HSE. — Mattie McGrath. [10438/26]
- \*1215. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to establishing mobile health clinics to serve rural communities who struggle to access primary care in a timely fashion. — Mattie McGrath. [10439/26]
- \*1216. To ask the Minister for Health to consider and respond to correspondence from a person (details supplied) regarding their experience attempting to access mental health care in recent

months; and the actions that can be taken to ensure services are available to the individual at the earliest opportunity.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [10440/26]

\*1217. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide details of the options available to an individual who has been denied home care support but requires community support (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [10443/26]

\*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses are employed full-time in Dublin south central. — Jen Cummins. [10471/26]

\*1219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children which have not received developmental checks by public health nurses in Dublin south central. — Jen Cummins. [10472/26]

\*1220. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to recruit more public health nurses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [10473/26]

\*1221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts for public health nurses which exist in Dublin south central. — Jen Cummins. [10474/26]

\*1222. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address the burn out of public health nurses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [10475/26]

\*1223. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts which exist for public health nurses, by county, in tabular form . — Jen Cummins. [10476/26]

\*1224. To ask the Minister for Health the measures which are in place to ensure continuity of supports for children with disabilities at key transition points, including early years to primary education and primary to post-primary education; whether the lack of alignment between health and education assessment models has been identified as a risk factor for service gaps at these stages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10487/26]

\*1225. To ask the Minister for Health the formal policy or operational frameworks which currently exist, or are planned, to align the needs-based assessment model used by Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) with the diagnosis-based access criteria used by the education system; whether her Department has assessed, or plans to assess, the impact of this misalignment on access to educational supports for children with identified needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10488/26]

\*1226. To ask the Minister for Health whether a formal framework exists between her Department and the Department of Education & Youth to support joint assessment, information-sharing, and integrated planning for children with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [10490/26]

\*1227. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Mental Health Commission analyses or publishes comparative data on the regional use of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) in approved centres; whether significant variation has been identified between centres or regions in recent years; the number of ECT treatments administered in each approved centre in each of the past five years. — Liam Quaide. [10495/26]

\*1228. To ask the Minister for Health if the Mental Health Commission receives details on instances of “enduring mechanical restraint” in mental health settings under its regulatory remit, such as the duration of restraint and the rationale, in each instance, and if these details will be published. — Liam Quaide. [10496/26]

\*1229. To ask the Minister for Health if complaints have been made to the Mental Health Commission, the HSE, or her Department concerning a hospital (details supplied) in the past five years; the number and nature of those complaints; and the outcomes. — Liam Quaide. [10497/26]

\*1230. To ask the Minister for Health whether any external reviews, audits, or investigations, statutory or otherwise, have been commissioned into a hospital (details supplied) in the past ten years. — Liam Quaide. [10498/26]

\*1231. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that the Mental Health Commission currently has sufficient statutory powers and resources to regulate private psychiatric hospitals such as a hospital (details supplied); and if not, the legislative or administrative changes she intends to pursue. — Liam Quaide. [10499/26]

\*1232. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that inspection findings and compliance ratings issued by the Mental Health Commission in respect of a hospital (details supplied) in the years preceding the recent revelations adequately reflected the risks and deficiencies subsequently uncovered; whether her Department has sought an explanation from the Commission as to how such matters were not identified or escalated through routine inspections; and whether she will commission an independent review of the regulatory oversight exercised in this case. — Liam Quaide. [10501/26]

\*1233. To ask the Minister for Health whether the prevalence of chemical restraint has increased or decreased nationally over the past decade; and the conclusions drawn by her Department or the Mental Health Commission in relation to those trends. — Liam Quaide. [10502/26]

\*1234. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory reporting requirements which currently applies to the use of chemical restraint in approved centres; whether such episodes must be individually logged, audited and inspected; and whether she will publish centre-level data on its use. — Liam Quaide. [10503/26]

\*1235. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the latest projected timeline for the delivery of a surgical hub at Sligo University Hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [10507/26]

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

\*1236. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the necessary funding will be released to allow the Grangegorman student development go ahead on campus, as set out by the Grangegorman Development Agency. — Mary Lou McDonald. [9838/26]

\*1237. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department’s policy on recognising degrees, higher diplomas in Education, and Teaching Council registration for Youthreach resource persons; whether such qualifications should attract

allowances or recognition comparable to Youthreach teacher grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [9888/26]

\*1238. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the policy basis for recognising or not recognising teaching experience gained in Government-funded State post-primary schools outside the European Union for Youthreach resource persons; the rationale for any differential treatment versus post-primary teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [9889/26]

\*1239. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the scholarships that may be available for a Palestinian citizen pursuing postgraduate medical studies (details supplied); and the way they can be accessed. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9181/26]

\*1240. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9432/26]

\*1241. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9450/26]

\*1242. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has identified skills shortages in fields related to cyber security; the measures in place to address these shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9462/26]

\*1243. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Irish citizens who returned to the State as a direct or indirect result of the “Build Back Home” advertising campaign run by his Department in 2024 and 2025, respectively; the methodology used by his Department to measure campaign outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9491/26]

\*1244. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department carried out any cost-benefit analysis, value-for-money assessment, or post-campaign evaluation in respect of the “Build Back Home” advertising campaign conducted in Canada, Australia, and the United States in 2024 and 2025; whether any key performance indicators were set in advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9492/26]

\*1245. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the procurement process used for the “Build Back Home” advertising campaign in 2024 and 2025; the advertising channels utilised, including digital platforms, recruitment platforms, and media buys; the total expenditure per channel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9493/26]

\*1246. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated additional cost incurred by students and their families in the 2025 academic year arising from the level of the student contribution fee prior to Budget 2026; whether his

Department quantified this cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9494/26]

\*1247. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projected timeline and fiscal pathway by which his Department intends to meet the Programme for Government commitment to reduce the student contribution fee over the lifetime of the Government; whether further reductions are planned beyond Budget 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [9495/26]

\*1248. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of craft apprentices currently employed within the public service or semi-state companies such as ESB, Bord Na Mona and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [9514/26]

\*1249. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures currently in place and any plans under consideration to reduce the financial burden on parents of students undertaking postgraduate education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [9683/26]

\*1250. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the analysis which has been conducted on Indian student enrolments, post-study permission uptake, and student-to-work conversion rates in the context of the EU–India free trade agreement; whether any changes to graduate permission duration, eligibility, or sponsorship requirements are under consideration; the way in which student retention pathways are being aligned with labour-market demand, housing availability, and overall migration capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9776/26]

\*1251. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9779/26]

\*1252. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the Irish Governments plans to facilitate the recruitment of expert US scientists following President Trumps decision to cease funding for several sectors of research including climate change, medicine and diversity (details supplied), as Ireland urgently requires climate experts, especially now, to help us adapt to climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9795/26]

\*1253. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending phase 2 PATH 4 pilot funding until the end of the National Access Plan in 2028, which would provide job security for programme staff and ensure a further cohort of learners can benefit from course offerings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [9803/26]

\*1254. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to expedite a site in Killarney, County Kerry as a centre for training and education to service the hospitality sector, (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [10016/26]

- \*1255. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount held in the learner protection fund for English language schools in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10039/26]
- \*1256. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount paid out to students from the learner protection fund for English language schools in each of the past ten years; the average paid out per student in each of those years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10040/26]
- \*1257. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of English language schools that suddenly collapsed in each of the past ten years; the number of students impacted in each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10041/26]
- \*1258. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of English language schools paying into the learner protection fund in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [10042/26]
- \*1259. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason SUSI grant benefits are not offered to Irish students studying in the UK; whether the rent tax credit is available to Irish students/guardians paying student accommodation rent in a UK institution; the plans his Department have to support Irish students studying in UK institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [10112/26]
- \*1260. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10156/26]
- \*1261. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views that the 225-day calendar poses serious industrial relations risks due to long standing disparities in contracts, entitlements and workload between Youthreach staff and their post primary counterparts. — Darren O'Rourke. [10169/26]
- \*1262. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on discussions regarding the alignment of the Youthreach calendar year with the post-primary level calendar year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10170/26]
- \*1263. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to provide a guaranteed routine for neurodivergent learners in Youthreach, particularly when routine is looser during the summer months. — Darren O'Rourke. [10171/26]
- \*1264. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if rather than enforcing the full programme during the summer months, he would consider if this time could be used more strategically to allocate resources where they have the greatest impact, such as optional targeted supports for high-needs learners in Youthreach centres. — Darren O'Rourke. [10172/26]

\*1265. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason some Youthreach centres remain open during midterm breaks and summer, while others close; and the measures he is taking to ensure that all Youthreach centres have a uniformed approach to opening and closing days. — Darren O'Rourke. [10173/26]

\*1266. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is an update on the matter raised by the Workplace Relations Commission regarding the alignment of the Youthreach calendar with that of post primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [10174/26]

\*1267. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an updated version of the table on page 26 of the National Student Accommodation Strategy (2017), that details the actual supply and demand figures for purpose-built student accommodation bedspaces, broken down by cities, in the years 2017, 2019 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10210/26]

\*1268. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an updated version of the table on page 18 of the National Student Accommodation Strategy (2017), that details existing purpose-built student accommodation bedspaces, broken down by cities, for the academic year 2025-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [10211/26]

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

\*1269. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta sonraí a thabhairt maidir leis an €5.218 milliún a thug Údarás na Gaeltachta ar ais don Stáchtiste sa bhliain 2023 mar thoradh ar dhíolachán scaireanna; cén chuideachta lenar bhain na scaireanna seo; agus cé chomh fada is a bhí na scaireanna ag an Údarás sular dhíol sé iad. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9201/26]

\*1270. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta liosta a thabhairt i bhfoirm tábla de na cuideachtaí a bhfuil scaireanna ag an Údarás iontu agus cad é luach na scaireanna sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9202/26]

\*1271. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an ndearna Údarás na Gaeltachta iarratas nó éileamh riamh go gcuirfeadh an Rialtas airgead arna thuilleamh ar dhíolacháin scaireanna a bhí déanta ag an Údarás a chur ar leataobh chun tacú leis an Údarás. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9203/26]

\*1272. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta ar labhair sé nó a oifigh le hÚdarás na Gaeltachta riamh chun míniú a lorg maidir leis an rúndacht faoina mbíonn cúrsaí gnó á riaradh acu; an bhfuil sé sásta leis an rúndacht seo, go háirithe i gcás díolachán Arramara; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9204/26]

\*1273. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of staff directly responsible for cybersecurity, as distinct from IT, within his Department; if a threat analyst, vulnerability manager and a cyber infrastructure engineer are employed; if not in-house, if this work is outsourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [9437/26]

- \*1274. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the extent to which his Department examines third party supply chain vulnerability when it comes to cybersecurity. — Malcolm Byrne. [9455/26]
- \*1275. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas maidir le dul chun cinn na n-iarratas ar líonraí Gaeilge atá istigh faoi láthair. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [9651/26]
- \*1276. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to significantly increase the funding allocation to County Kerry for local improvement schemes in 2026 in order to allow Kerry County Council to address the huge priority list/waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [9972/26]
- \*1277. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to detail the supports available to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [10118/26]
- \*1278. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under his remit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10161/26]
- \*1279. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will consider amending the Community Centres Investment Fund to assist communities to purchase buildings in their area (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [10177/26]
- \*1280. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when the new CLAR maps are due to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [10178/26]
- \*1281. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he has written to the Minister for Transport, with regard to the official languages Acts, to discuss bilingual signage on speed signage in Gaeltacht areas that continue to display speed limits in English only; and if he will take steps to overturn the rules laid out by the Department of Transport on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [10324/26]
- \*1282. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding schemes available to cover staffing costs for community organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [10368/26]
- \*1283. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the parameters for the Community Centre Investment Fund; and the organisations that may apply. — Shane Moynihan. [10403/26]