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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [10452/26]

2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [10454/26]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [11618/26]

4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Darren O'Rourke. [11844/26]

5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [11881/26]

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

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

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

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

10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Lawless. [12129/26]

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [12131/26]

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

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

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

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [12503/26]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Louis O'Hara. [14749/26]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [14761/26]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14820/26]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 44th British-Irish Council Summit in Wales. — Ruth Coppinger. [10446/26]

20. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the British-Irish Council Summit. — Paul Murphy. [10456/26]

21. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at a meeting of the British-Irish Council. — Darren O'Rourke. [11845/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the 44th British-Irish Council Summit. — Liam Quaide. [13982/26]

30. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at a meeting of the British-Irish Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14300/26]

31. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his attendance at the British-Irish Council Summit. — Louis O’Hara. [14750/26]

32. 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. — Ruth Coppinger. [10447/26]

33. 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. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11871/26]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

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40. 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. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12354/26]

41. 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. — Liam Quaide. [13983/26]

42. 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. — David Cullinane. [14261/26]

43. 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. — Darren O’Rourke. [14281/26]

44. 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. — Peadar Tóibín. [14303/26]

45. 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. — Paul Lawless. [14305/26]

46. 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. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14447/26]

47. 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. — Paul Murphy. [14450/26]

48. 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. [14762/26]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Ruth Coppinger. [10448/26]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11872/26]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Martin Daly. [71663/25]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [71665/25]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Erin McGreehan. [71667/25]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Cian O'Callaghan. [12356/26]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Darren O'Rourke. [14282/26]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [14304/26]

57. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Paul Lawless. [14306/26]

58. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14448/26]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the implementation of the Well-Being Framework published by his Department. — Paul Murphy. [14451/26]

60. 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. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [11873/26]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

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

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

66. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's Statement of Strategy for 2025-2028. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14259/26]

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

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

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to China. — Martin Daly. [14276/26]

70. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his visit to China on 4 to 8 January 2026. — Malcolm Byrne. [14277/26]

71. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent visit to China. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14464/26]

72. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Emer Currie. [11969/26]

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

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

75. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Mark Ward. [12523/26]

76. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14260/26]

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14272/26]

78. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Tom Brabazon. [14273/26]

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [14274/26]

80. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Catherine Ardagh. [14275/26]

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

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

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

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

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

86. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Mark Ward. [12524/26]

87. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the ‘Budget 2026: Spotlight on Disability’ report recently published by his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [12355/26]

88. 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]

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

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

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

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

93. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore energy clearinghouse. — Malcolm Byrne. [14278/26]

94. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Emer Currie. [11970/26]

95. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Tony McCormack. [9931/26]

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

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

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

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

100. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [14633/26]

101. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [11108/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

110. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Malcolm Byrne. [11857/26]

111. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Albert Dolan. [11861/26]

112. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Tony McCormack. [11864/26]

113. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [11869/26]

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

115. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Séamus McGrath. [12360/26]

116. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Tony McCormack. [12362/26]

117. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Aindrias Moynihan. [12363/26]

118. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Shane Moynihan. [12364/26]

119. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [13981/26]

120. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [14453/26]

121. To ask the Taoiseach if there is a Shared Island committee that approves Shared Island funding; the members of the committee; and if all parties are represented on the committee. — Cathy Bennett. [12187/26]

122. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Séamus McGrath. [12359/26]

123. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [12361/26]

124. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ryan O’Meara. [12365/26]

125. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [12366/26]

126. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Thomas Gould. [14265/26]

127. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [14634/26]

128. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [12502/26]

129. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Martin Daly. [14279/26]

130. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14280/26]

131. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Erin McGreehan. [14283/26]

132. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Catherine Ardagh. [14284/26]

133. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the most recent EU Leaders’ meeting or council. — Malcolm Byrne. [12965/26]

134. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the most recent EU Leaders’ meeting or council. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [12978/26]

135. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the most recent EU Leaders’ meeting or council. — Shay Brennan. [12979/26]

136. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the revised National Digital and AI Strategy. — James Geoghegan. [13324/26]

137. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [13980/26]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

138. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to reduce the price of energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14765/26]

139. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider bringing forward a prioritisation framework for grid connections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14766/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm that his attention has been drawn to the HSE’s 2017 Position Paper on Wind Turbines and Public Health being withdrawn; to outline when, if at all, his Department engaged with the HSE regarding its withdrawal, particularly in light of his Department’s responsibilities in relation to environmental

noise; to set out the guidance that is now being relied upon for public health considerations relating to wind turbine noise; the steps he intends to take next; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [14833/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in relation to private wires, the charging methodology that will be implemented; and the safeguards that will be introduced to ensure that all of the costs of providing the original grid connection will be recovered by the ESB Networks, and that these costs are not passed on to other customers. — Pa Daly. [14767/26]

142. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the work of the National Energy Affordability Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14498/26]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

143. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has carried out an assessment of the climate impacts of AI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14504/26]

144. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department are taking to acknowledge the increased energy cost pressures on businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [14815/26]

145. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which revenue from collection of the carbon tax is used to support his Department's climate initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [14619/26]

146. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the provision of wind energy; the targets for its provision in 2026; whether there are sufficient resources in place to ensure that offshore wind energy can be on-shored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14751/26]

147. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he will publish the revised climate action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14772/26]

148. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether funding schemes are available for communal heating schemes that wish to change from gas-fired to heat pumps in individual houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14752/26]

149. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any further initiatives proposed by his Department to increase the support for offshore wind infrastructure in coastal communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [13792/26]

150. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline if his Department is giving consideration to the introduction of a land classification system which would inform the suitability of any proposed solar developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [13391/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an update in relation to SEAI grants for windows and doors; the length of time the grant will open for; if applicants have to pay upfront; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [14361/26]

152. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 298, 301 and 302 of 10 February 2026, whether his Department has undertaken a delivery risk assessment of the 5 gigawatt offshore wind target for 2030 in light of the anticipated planning determinations in 2026, construction timelines to 2030, and grid connection dates extending to 2031 and 2033; the total offshore wind capacity currently dependent on port or transmission infrastructure that is not yet operational; whether contingency measures are in place should planning, grid or port infrastructure timelines slip, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14830/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the percentage of energy used in 2025 that was generated by indigenous wind power; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14524/26]

154. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions that have been taken by the ESB to strengthen their infrastructure and network in light of Storm Éowyn in January 2025 to improve resilience in the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14238/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of retrofits under the warmer homes scheme that were completed in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14525/26]

156. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department is reviewing the remunicipalisation of domestic waste collection in Dublin; the way in which they would go about implementing this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14753/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which the redesigned SEAI grant structure will support homeowners in progressing from initial insulation measures to more advanced upgrades; the way this sequencing is expected to improve overall retrofit outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [14769/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on Ireland's resilience to extreme weather events caused by climate change; if consideration is being given to nature-based solutions to mitigate and provide resilience to the impacts of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14622/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when Ireland will formally leave the Energy Charter Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14625/26]

160. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the rationale for not taking secondary fuels into account when determining Ireland's N-1 compliance in the Department's security of supply reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14065/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether State-owned electricity companies are required to report gross profit percentages or sums to him. — Thomas Gould. [14263/26]

162. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress Ireland is making to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 2050 in order to avoid the substantial fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [14826/26]

163. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of illegal dumping collected by the four Dublin local authorities in each of the years 2020 to date in 2026; the measures his Department is taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14754/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding for north Dublin under the 2026 Community Climate Action Programme; the total funding since 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [14824/26]

165. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if consideration will be given for the inclusion of new build properties in the current solar PV grant, in view of the fact that those building new homes do not qualify for this grant and taking into account that most new builds are run exclusively on electricity only with homes being expensive to run and solar energy would offset these running costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14760/26]

166. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to expand and upgrade the warmer homes and the better energy scheme for low-income households to include external wall insulation and replace all single glazed windows with double glazing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [14597/26]

167. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on progress made to date by his Department in relation to the National Biomethane Strategy, in particular regarding the development of centralised planning guidelines for suitable locations for biomethane and biogas plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14759/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions his Department is promoting or funding to support sustainable and ethical fashion, including incentives for repair, reuse and recycling of clothing, regulatory proposals for extended producer responsibility for textiles, and public awareness measures to reduce overconsumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14237/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the CRU analysis into the characteristics of domestic electricity and gas arrears and when said analysis will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14066/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the expansion of the vulnerable customer definition and whether said expansion will include financial vulnerability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14068/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the recent changes to the warmer homes scheme in terms of attic and cavity insulation. — Erin McGreehan. [14523/26]

172. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his assessment of whether the development of a LNG reserve in Clare contravenes the State's climate obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14771/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current policy position of his Department on the use of plug-in solar PV systems in apartments and rented homes; whether his Department has engaged with the CRU and ESB Networks regarding the regulatory and safety requirements that apply where such systems export electricity to the grid, including the role of the Low Carbon Technology Register; whether guidance or policy changes are under consideration to facilitate compliant use by apartment residents, including tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14829/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being taken to increase applications for the SEAI solar PV grant in counties where there has been a notably lower uptake, such as Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [14630/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total number of applicants for the warmer homes scheme; the current average wait time from application date to completion of works; and to also outline these figures specifically for the Cork region. — Séamus McGrath. [14628/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the Government plans to develop a single, integrated national energy strategy; if he will address existing frameworks such as the National Energy and Climate Plan, the Climate Action Plan, and the National Energy Demand Strategy addressing a cohesive long-term roadmap for energy security, renewable generation, grid development and storage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [12387/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the commitment to have at least 2GW of new, flexible, gas-fired generation; the progress in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14757/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to support families to move away from solid fuels for home heating but who cannot afford or whose home is not suitable for heat pump installation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14758/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline the improvements in household energy saving grants in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [14827/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in view of the EPA's 2025 projection that Ireland is likely to miss its 2030 emission reduction targets, the specific, accelerated measures his Department is implementing in 2026 to bridge the gap between projected emissions and the legally binding 51% reduction target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14425/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the proportion of the 2030 target for the delivery of offshore wind that will be delivered by end of this decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14621/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of offshore wind turbines that are functional at present; if he will provide the most up to date figure for operational offshore wind capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14301/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any assessment of the pilot project in Killarney related to the use of single use coffee cups; the lessons that can be learned from it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [13791/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the lessons which have been learned relating to grid resilience from recent storm events, such as storm Chandra; the initiatives being introduced to try to mitigate the impact of future events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [14773/26]

185. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the ESB has looked at its vulnerable customers register since Storm Éowyn in January 2025, and the lessons learned to improve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14239/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the re-wetting of bogs; the progress which has been made in terms of the number of hectares that are now rewetted; how successful the programme is; the plans to expand areas to be rewetted over the next one, two and three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [14595/26]

187. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the input his Department has had into the development of solar energy development guidelines as initiated by the Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [14620/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he outline the role of the new START scheme under the EU Just Transition Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [14825/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the specific measures his Department is taking to address the environmental impacts of the fashion industry, including textile waste and micro-plastic pollution; how these measures align with Ireland's climate and circular economy obligations under European Union law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14236/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated potential compliance costs to the State arising from a failure to meet legally binding EU climate targets by 2030; the measures being taken to reduce that exposure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [13281/26]

191. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason he is separating spring salmon from summer salmon when placing restrictions on draft fishermen, instead of counting the total number of fish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [7009/26]

192. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the role his Department has taken in relation to the fish kill incident in the River Blackwater. — Thomas Gould. [14264/26]

193. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment with the introduction of the Renewable Heat Obligation (RHO) in 2026, the measures being taken to ensure that the required indigenous biomethane supply is developed in tandem to avoid placing further upward pressure on consumer energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14426/26]

194. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the legal advice he has sought regarding the potential of commercial entities seeking access to the gas entry point that would come with the development of a strategic gas emergency reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14064/26]

195. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount in 2024 and 2025 of rPET pellet produced in the State; the amount that is recycled within the State; the amount exported from the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14626/26]

196. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress to date in terms of the utilising of hydrogen energy; the role his Department is now playing in this; the efforts being made in terms of generating energy from hydrogen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [14596/26]

197. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of homes on the wait list for the warmer homes scheme in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [14522/26]

198. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to ensure that the proposed strategic gas reserve is not exploited for commercial uses; if he anticipates that commercial LNG will be developed as a result of this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14623/26]

199. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the CRU review into price gouging and level of pass through from wholesale prices to retail prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14067/26]

200. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he or his Department has had any meetings with, or received any reports from, the National Waste Collection Permit Office since March 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14627/26]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*201. To ask the Taoiseach when the Government will to publish Ireland's first National Security Strategy (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [14986/26]

*202. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline each section of enacted legislation, where the responsibility lies in the Minister to commence that section, that has not been commenced; if he will outline each section of enacted legislation which provides for the making of regulations by the Minister that have not been made by the Minister; if he will outline all sections of enacted legislation or secondary legislation which provide for the publication of guidelines by the Minister that have not been published, in tabular form. — James Geoghegan. [13515/26]

*203. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases. — Malcolm Byrne. [14028/26]

*204. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations. — Marie Sherlock. [14399/26]

*205. To ask the Taoiseach the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations. — Marie Sherlock. [14417/26]

*206. To ask the Taoiseach the data on the percentage and number of men that availed of additional paternity leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Emer Currie. [14433/26]

*207. To ask the Taoiseach the data on the percentage and number of women who availed of additional maternity leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Emer Currie. [14436/26]

*208. To ask the Taoiseach when Ireland's National Security Strategy will be published (details supplied). — Barry Heneghan. [14979/26]

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

*209. To ask the Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied) given the applicants travel date is imminent. — John Brady. [15007/26]

*210. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the analysis her Department has undertaken into the environmental impact of the Mercosur trade agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14909/26]

*211. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total number of buildings leased by her Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14020/26]

*212. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she or the Government considers the recent murder of tens of thousands of civilians by the government of Iran to constitute a ‘genocide’; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14084/26]

*213. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from her Department’s vote allocations over the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14101/26]

*214. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Government was consulted, through the Foreign Affairs Council or otherwise, by the European Commission in advance of its announced participation in the so-called Board of Peace meeting on 19 February 2026; if she is concerned by the participation of the European Commission in an initiative which includes wanted war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu and which was described as an effort to ‘undermine, replace, usurp the United Nations’; her views on whether the European Commission is undermining the United Nations or granting legitimacy to associated war criminals by taking part; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14195/26]

*215. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if it is the Government’s position that the institutional balance enshrined in the EU treaties envisages members of the European Commission other than the High Representative of the Union on Foreign Affairs and Security Policy speaking on behalf of the European Union and Ireland on matters of foreign affairs and security policy, as appears to be the intent of Commissioner Šuica’s attendance at the so-called Board of Peace meeting on 19 February 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14196/26]

*216. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions her Department has had enacted since Ireland adopted the Sendai Disaster Framework. — Shane Moynihan. [14216/26]

*217. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of all State agencies within her Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14391/26]

*218. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the State agencies within her Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14409/26]

*219. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of exemptions for foreign military aircraft to pass through Ireland that were refused in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14455/26]

*220. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the cases lodged with the General Court (T-907/25 and T-908/25) regarding the council decision amending the EU-Morocco Association Agreement concerning Western Sahara and the labelling of good originating in Western Sahara has influenced the Government's position in the ongoing council process on this agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14456/26]

*221. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when last the Cross-Departmental International Sanctions Committee, chaired by her Department, discussed imposing sanctions on Israel; and to summarise any outcome of that discussion. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14479/26]

*222. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when last the National Committee on International Humanitarian Law, chaired by her Department, discussed International Humanitarian Law in Israel; and to summarise the outcome of that discussion. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14480/26]

*223. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when last the Government Trade Forum, chaired by her Department, discussed trade with Israel; and to summarise the outcome of that discussion. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14481/26]

*224. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her plans to introduce a local participation mechanism in Ireland's defence procurement process to ensure Irish SME's are included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [14526/26]

*225. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish citizens living in illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank; whether the Irish Government engages with them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14798/26]

*226. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the breakdown of Irish funded infrastructure destroyed by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14800/26]

*227. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied) given the applicants travel date is imminent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15008/26]

*228. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will consider opening a permanent consulate in Montreal, Canada. — Malcolm Byrne. [15109/26]

*229. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of cyberattacks on Irish embassies and consulates during 2025; the nature of these attacks. — Malcolm Byrne. [15110/26]

*230. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Ireland's approach to the Board of Peace as established by US President Donald Trump. — Malcolm Byrne. [15112/26]

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

*231. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the

total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14014/26]

*232. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on all Bills under his remit that were mentioned in the 2026 Spring Legislative Programme. — Pa Daly. [14033/26]

*233. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from his Department's vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14094/26]

*234. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the body that sets the standards for public waste collection companies; if his Department has a role in regulating fees that companies charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14267/26]

*235. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the dates on which the National Energy Affordability Taskforce has met since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14289/26]

*236. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the dates on which the cross-Departmental group on energy poverty has met since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14290/26]

*237. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the transposition of the EU Energy Efficiency Directive into Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14294/26]

*238. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of dedicated funding that will be provided to each local authority to monitor and enforce the smoky coal ban and any future solid fuel regulations as part of the Clean Air Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14312/26]

*239. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an update on the forthcoming Clean Air Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14313/26]

*240. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether defined monitoring methodologies and emergency activation protocols for acute wildfire smoke exposure have been established; the criteria under which such protocols are activated; and whether these arrangements have been reviewed or revised since the August 2025 wildfire in Ticknick Park in view of Directive 2008/50/EC. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14371/26]

*241. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his private wires legislation will address the relevant legal issues associated with the use of private EV chargers for homes without driveways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [14380/26]

*242. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department had any engagement with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the issue of EV charging for homes without driveways during the development of his private wires legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [14382/26]

*243. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14385/26]

*244. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14403/26]

*245. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the timeline for implementing the disposable coffee cup levy; if an assessment of its effects on small businesses has taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14543/26]

*246. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current waiting times for BER assessments associated with SEAI grants for County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [14818/26]

*247. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm that there are sufficient staff in place to process applications for the new and expanded retrofitting measures; the expected timeframe from application to completion of a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [14819/26]

*248. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has examined the public expenditure, regulatory and insurance implications of enabling the wider use of plug-in solar balcony solar by apartment residents; if cross-departmental work is underway to support policy changes in this area; whether potential grant or incentive schemes have been considered in line with models operating in other EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [11580/26]

*249. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is concerned that public capital investment in the electrical grid under NDP will be largely absorbed by data centre expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [11096/26]

*250. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has conducted any analysis on the impact of the proposed changes to sustainability through the amalgamation of EU Life funding into European Competitiveness funding; if he will commit to any funding shortfalls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [6871/26]

*251. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the engagement he has had with electricity companies on the cost of electricity for Irish consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3927/26]

*252. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps he has taken by the ESB to ensure greater supply resilience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [3926/26]

*253. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 4 of 11 February 2026, the estimated annual proceeds from the sale of recyclable plastics by Re-Turn for 2024 and 2025; and to outline where these proceeds go. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14843/26]

*254. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has undertaken any research into the environmental impact of industrial scale seaweed harvesting on the environment, in particular on the pace of coastal erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14910/26]

*255. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the maximum fine administered for breaches under the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Solid Fuels) Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 529 of 2022); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14918/26]

*256. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the level of enforcement notices and prosecutions as reported to the agency by local authorities in each of the years 2019 to 2025, and to date in 2026 under the updated Solid Fuel Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14919/26]

*257. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the level of enforcement notices and prosecutions as reported to the agency by local authorities in each of the years 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026 under the updated Solid Fuel Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14921/26]

*258. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the social climate plan; the timeline for publication; if he anticipates that Ireland will be able to access the social climate fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14925/26]

*259. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the communications he has had with other Government Departments about the possibility of missing EU climate and energy targets that would result in large fines and the additional measures he is considering to achieve those targets and avoid future fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14975/26]

*260. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to reduce reliance on fossil fuels to achieve climate objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14976/26]

*261. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of persons that are in arrears; and the number that have been cut off over the last five years, per county. — Aidan Farrelly. [15037/26]

*262. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of data centres there are in operational and in planning stage, by county, and by size and if their usage is monitored; and if so, the usage. — Aidan Farrelly. [15038/26]

*263. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps he is taking to make it easier for customers to change energy suppliers; the way in which he is combating suppliers making this process unnecessarily difficult and preventing an authorised third party from acting on a customer's behalf; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15147/26]

*264. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he will outline any supports, schemes or

interventions available in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15657/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*265. To ask the Minister for Defence the total number of buildings leased by her Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14016/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Defence the total number of medical assessments completed for the PDF and RDF, by year, and medical assessment location such as (St. Bricin's, Cork, Athlone, or other relevant individual facility); the number of formal medical appeals submitted by applicants in each of those years, by the original medical assessment facilities; the outcomes of those medical appeals, specifying the number that were successful (upheld) and the number that were unsuccessful, categorised by medical assessment facility, in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14183/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a list of all State agencies within her Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14387/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Defence the State agencies within her Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14405/26]

*269. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will ensure a local procurement requirement is implemented during the Government's negotiations on Ireland's military radar system with the French government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [14529/26]

*270. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of outsourced services in the Defence Forces and the plans to bring them back in-house; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14547/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 438 of 13 January 2026, when the information regarding the mean wait time for security clearance to be granted to reservists in the Defence Forces for each of the years 2021 to 2025, inclusive; and the number of applications for security clearances for reservists in each of those years will be available. — Paul Murphy. [14592/26]

*272. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will publish the regeneration plans for the Naval Service and Air Corps that she has committed to progressing this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14943/26]

*273. To ask the Minister for Defence is she will publish the Capability Development Programme 2028 to 2032, and also the programme to 2040; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14944/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Defence if the NDP 2030 allocation for the armoured fleet replacement programme will be used to replace the Mowag Piranha; if it is envisioned that the

Mowags will be replaced in the next NDP allocation; when she envisages the programme will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14966/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Defence the way her Department will put in place an accelerated programme of naval vessel replacement in 2028, as highlighted in the Updated Detailed Implementation Plan for the Commission of the Defence Forces given no capital funding has been allocated out to 2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14968/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on a request for a tenant purchase of a house owned by her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [15009/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress that has been made towards implementing the Programme for Government's commitment to introduce a new management system for the Curragh Plains; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [15059/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Defence in light of the annual establishment of illegal encampments on the Curragh Plains in late Spring early Summer, the strategies in place to prohibit these encampments occurring again in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [15060/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Defence to outline the proposals she is implementing in relation to recruitment in Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15148/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the progress of a project (details supplied); when the ship will be delivered following a proposed public tender competition for a multi-role vessel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [15153/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 412 of 4 February 2026, the actual number of ex-Army personnel subject to abatement at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [15209/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline what he and his Department can do to assist more persons to obtain an able body seaman ticket and build a career in offshore fishing when they are struggling to acquire the necessary sea time records. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14446/26]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will comment on media reports around the alleged use of Shannon Airport to facilitate the deportation of Palestinian citizens to Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15199/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14029/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on all Bills under his remit that were mentioned in the 2026 Spring Legislative Programme. — Pa Daly. [14034/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport the changes that are planned or will be introduced by him to improve public transport between Shannon, County Clare and the University of Limerick, in light of a recent study (details supplied) which identified it as a significant obstacle to students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [14043/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport if a company (details supplied) has provided formal written assurances to his Department that existing levels of staffing can safely accommodate increased air traffic without requiring people to work discretionary overtime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14058/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from his Department's vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14110/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that funding will be provided in 2026 for an overdue road safety improvement project to upgrade a road at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14116/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay in setting a date for the review of the code of best practice for national and regional greenways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [14147/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the serious road safety concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [14163/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport the current average waiting time for a driving test at the Naas test centre; the steps being taken to reduce delays for applicants in Kildare North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [14174/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider establishing an additional driving test centre in Kildare North, in light of ongoing demand and waiting times at existing centres serving the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [14175/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport the action which is being taken to address the lack of wheelchair-accessible and adapted vehicles for learner drivers; the supports which are available to assist wheelchair users in accessing suitable driving lessons; if this issue will be raised to ensure equal access to driving instruction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14295/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting times in each NCT centre serving the Dublin region, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14308/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the current target waiting time for an NCT; the actual waiting time as of 17 February 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14309/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus shelters which were installed by the National Transport Authority in each county nationwide in each of the years since 2018, including the latest figures for year to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [14315/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will engage with Dublin Bus regarding ongoing capacity and reliability issues on the 32X Malahide to Belfield service, particularly during peak school commuting hours; whether additional morning services will be provided to prevent buses passing stops at full capacity resulting in students being unable to board and arriving late to school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14330/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14400/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14418/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the lack of an appropriately equipped drive-from-wheelchair vehicle for driving lessons (details supplied); if he will examine the possibility of installing such controls or providing a properly equipped vehicle; his plans to expand the availability of drive-from-wheelchair vehicles nationally in order that learners who require this adaptation can access suitable training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14438/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of exemptions refused under the Air Navigation (Carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons and Dangerous Goods) Order, 1973 in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14454/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport when the 47 electric buses for Galway and 65 electric buses for the Dublin area were received; the measures being taken to maintain the battery health of electric buses; the battery maintenance protocols applied by Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus and the National Transport Authority to prevent degradation if these buses are not in regular operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14493/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport the maintenance arrangements and associated costs for the electric buses delivered for Galway and Dublin; whether maintenance and warranty management differs for buses in storage compared with those in active service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14494/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline for completing the required charging infrastructure for the Galway buses; the reasons for the delay; and whether interim charging options were considered to avoid the continued idling of 47 buses in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14495/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport if the recent funding allocation of €2.5 million for the Drumeen East to Derragh section of the N68 in County Clare includes funding for traffic calming and other required measures to tackle the long-standing safety issues; if not, the measures that

will be introduced and when funding will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [14512/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding for non-national roads in Offaly will be increased to address weather-related damage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14544/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure along major routes in Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14545/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport if Local Link services will be extended to cover more rural areas in Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14546/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has undertaken any review of the adequacy of statutory seizure powers under the Road Traffic Acts and related legislation in addressing the misuse of scrambler bikes and quad bikes in urban areas; and whether legislative amendment is under consideration. — Ken O'Flynn. [14605/26]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport whether additional legislative reform, funding allocations, or policy measures are planned to strengthen enforcement tools and deterrent provisions relating to the unlawful use of mechanically propelled vehicles in public spaces. — Ken O'Flynn. [14606/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the N20 Cork to Limerick road improvement scheme; the stage the project has reached under the Transport Infrastructure Ireland project lifecycle; the total estimated capital cost as most recently assessed; the amount of funding allocated to the scheme in 2026 and projected for 2027 and 2028 under the National Development Plan; the anticipated timeline for completion of route selection, statutory approvals and land acquisition; the projected commencement date for construction; and whether the project remains designated as a strategic inter-urban priority within national transport policy. — Ken O'Flynn. [14673/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport to publish the detailed statistical analysis carried out by the Road Safety Authority concerning scramblers involved in fatal and serious injury collisions on public roads over the past five years, including a year-by-year breakdown of serious injuries and fatalities, age profile of drivers and injured parties, and geographic distribution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14689/26]

*314. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has conducted or commissioned any formal trend analysis of the increase in serious injuries involving scramblers on public roads between 2022 and 2025; what policy conclusions have been drawn from that analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14690/26]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has examined the legislative and policy implications of extending the statutory remit of the Road Safety Authority to enable the collection and publication of data on serious injuries and fatalities involving mechanically propelled vehicles in public places other than public roads, including parks, housing estates and green spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14691/26]

*316. To ask the Minister for Transport the statutory provision under which he proposes to introduce regulations to prohibit the use of scramblers in public places; whether he is satisfied that the enabling power is sufficient to support a total prohibition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14692/26]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport whether draft regulations concerning the prohibition of scramblers in public places have been circulated to An Garda Síochána, the Road Safety Authority or any other stakeholder for consultation; and if he will outline the consultation process and timeline. — Ken O’Flynn. [14693/26]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has reviewed the effectiveness of section 30 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 in preventing the supply of mechanically propelled vehicles to persons under 16 years of age; whether enforcement data has been analysed to assess compliance levels; and whether amendments are under consideration to strengthen retailer obligations. — Ken O’Flynn. [14694/26]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the proposed financial penalties to be applied to seized scramblers under the forthcoming regulations; whether a regulatory impact assessment has been conducted regarding deterrent effect. — Ken O’Flynn. [14695/26]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport when the review of the code of best practice for National and Regional Greenways will formally be commenced by TII; the timeline for its completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [14697/26]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport the stakeholders TII plans to engage with as part of the review of the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways; when such engagement will begin; whether impacted landowners will be formally consulted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [14698/26]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which Greenway projects continue to proceed in advance of the completion of the review of the Code of Best Practice for National and Regional Greenways; whether consideration has been given to pausing new developments pending the outcome of that review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [14699/26]

*323. To ask the Minister for Transport the oversight his Department exercises in respect of local authority engagement with landowners affected by proposed Greenway developments; whether he is satisfied that meaningful consultation and transparency are being applied consistently across counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [14700/26]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he considers the use of compulsory purchase orders appropriate for the development of Greenways and other leisure amenities; the guidance which has been issued to local authorities regarding the use of CPO powers in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [14701/26]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of landowners subject to compulsory purchase orders in respect of Greenway developments since 2018 who have not yet received compensation; the reasons for the delay in payment; the average timeframe for resolution; and when all outstanding compensation will be discharged. — Michael Murphy. [14702/26]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria that are applied in the selection and progression of Greenway routes; whether these criteria are publicly available; and the measures in place to ensure transparency and accountability in route selection decisions. — Michael Murphy. [14703/26]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport to state, in respect of each major transport infrastructure project commenced in the past five years and requiring Environmental Impact Assessment, the date on which Environmental Impact Assessment scoping formally commenced, the date on which the Environmental Impact Assessment Report was finalised for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála, and the total duration in months between those dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14729/26]

*328. To ask the Minister for Transport to state the average duration in months of Environmental Impact Assessment processes for major transport infrastructure projects commenced in each of the past five years, and to provide the equivalent average duration for Appropriate Assessment processes over the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14730/26]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has undertaken any internal review, audit, benchmarking exercise, or performance assessment of environmental assessment timelines for major transport infrastructure projects in the past five years; if so, to provide details of the findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14731/26]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the statutory or administrative timeframes applicable to Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment processes for major transport infrastructure projects, to state whether those timeframes have been consistently met in each of the past five years, and to detail any instances of delay beyond prescribed timeframes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14732/26]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports that have been sought, or can be sought, by Wexford County Council to complete the Gorey to Courtown footpath in North Wexford. — Malcolm Byrne. [14734/26]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the laws and regulations governing the disposal of waste and rubbish by trawlers and fishing trawlers into Irish sea; in particular, the monitoring and enforcement mechanisms that are in place to ensure compliance; the penalties that exist for vessels found to be illegally dumping waste at sea; to outline any recent prosecutions or actions taken against offending vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14745/26]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of cars and percentage of the national vehicle fleet powered by fossil fuels in 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14808/26]

*334. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of schools enrolled in the safe routes to school in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of schools waiting to be enrolled; the breakdown of the number of schools enrolled in the programme by each county council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14809/26]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of funding that has been allocated to the safe routes to school programme in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of schools that are availing of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14810/26]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost arising from the reduced 20% public transport fares to the public and the reduced 50% public transport to students and young people under 24 years of age nationwide; if he is considering making the reduction permanent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14811/26]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his discussions with the National Transport Agency regarding the roll-out of Phase 8 (D-Spine) of the BusConnects programme; when he anticipates that the roll-out will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14892/26]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of disqualified drivers in court which have surrendered their licence to the RSA, as required by law, in each of the past ten years for each county in the State. — Paul Lawless. [14900/26]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding allocated to each local authority to be spent on bus shelters per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14922/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to increase funding to local authorities for bus shelters in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14923/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport the minimum educational and professional qualifications required for vehicle inspectors employed at National Car Testing centres; the duration and content of their initial training programme; whether this training is externally accredited; and the body responsible for certifying inspectors prior to conducting independent inspections. — Ken O'Flynn. [15064/26]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of quality assurance audits conducted on NCT inspection decisions in 2024 and to date in 2026; the percentage of inspections subject to secondary review; and the rate at which initial fail decisions were overturned on formal appeal in each of those years. — Ken O'Flynn. [15065/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport whether NCT inspectors are subject to performance metrics relating to throughput, efficiency, or statistical failure rates; if so, to outline the nature of those metrics; and whether any incentives or penalties are attached to inspection outcomes. — Ken O'Flynn. [15066/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport the oversight mechanisms exercised by the Road Safety Authority over the NCT contractor in respect of inspection consistency and inspector training standards; and whether any contractual penalties, compliance notices, or remedial directions have been issued in the past three years. — Ken O'Flynn. [15067/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Department or the Road Safety Authority has conducted any variance analysis of pass and fail rates across individual NCT centres; and whether the Minister will publish centre-by-centre statistical data for 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [15068/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Transport the current contract value of the NCT operator; the duration of the contract; and the date on which the next competitive procurement process is scheduled to commence. — Ken O’Flynn. [15069/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Transport following the refurbishment of the first class carriages on the intercity services from Dublin to Cork if consideration will be given to refurbishing the standard class carriages on the Mark 4 fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [15078/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline what Irish Rail’s plans are to replace the 201 class locomotive which are used on the Dublin - Cork and Enterprise train services; and if there are plans to replace these fleet of locomotives which have almost reached the end of their service life. — Conor Sheehan. [15079/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with Irish Rail on introducing a half hourly service on the Dublin to Cork line at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [15080/26]

*350. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown, by county of the number of recipients of the wheelchair accessible vehicle grant scheme for each of the past five years for which data is available, if the table will categorise grant recipients into new or existing SPSV license holders and the total amounts allocated per annum per county, if he will further state whether he intends to reform the scheme or increase the available funding, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [15100/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of what he envisages for inclusion in the promised Taxi Regulation Amendment Bill; the current status of the bill; when he expects to bring the bill to cabinet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [15101/26]

*352. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to legislate or bring in regulations that would allow for the development of ride sharing services in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [15119/26]

*353. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the new regional airports programme 2026-2030; when it is expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [15165/26]

*354. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene to ensure that there is a midday flight from Donegal to Dublin, which many patients in receipt of cancer care and other forms of inpatient and outpatient require; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [15191/26]

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

*355. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the 0% VAT rate to include injectable medicines on private prescriptions; the estimated cost to the Exchequer to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14977/26]

*356. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of companies that were eligible for tax credits arising from research and development for each of the years 2021 to 2025

inclusive; the number of companies that successfully availed of this support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [13988/26]

*357. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the budget allocation for companies to avail of tax credits under research and development for each of the years 2021 to 2025; the amount paid from that budget at the end of each calendar year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [13989/26]

*358. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide details on whether the NTMA holds any investments in security/weapons manufacturers companies (details supplied), highlighting the current amounts held and when purchases were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [13995/26]

*359. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total number of buildings leased by his/her Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14019/26]

*360. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated annual shortfall to the Exchequer, if principal private residences of the deceased were made exempt from the payment by beneficiaries of an estate from capital acquisitions tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14044/26]

*361. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated annual shortfall to the Exchequer, if Class B beneficiaries had the same exemption thresholds applied to them as Class A beneficiaries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14045/26]

*362. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from his Department’s vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14100/26]

*363. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14166/26]

*364. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of firms that availed of the research and development tax credit in 2025, by firm size; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [14176/26]

*365. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures being taken to increase SME participation in the research and development tax credit, in view of recent analysis of uptake patterns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [14177/26]

*366. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the regional distribution of research and development tax credit claims in 2025, including the number of claims from the Mid-East region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [14178/26]

*367. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the revenue raised by the sugar sweetened drinks tax each year since its introduction to-date in 2026, by the yield, in each band; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14310/26]

*368. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount Ireland is contributing to the €90 billion EU loan to Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14347/26]

*369. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the duration of the EU loan to Ukraine; when it will be paid back; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14348/26]

*370. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will assess the clear regional disparity created by the use of open-market valuations in determining eligibility for the help-to-buy scheme (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [14349/26]

*371. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for using a theoretical sale price as the determining valuation for a self-build in areas such as the Mizen Peninsula (details supplied); and if alternative valuation methodologies have been considered. — Michael Collins. [14350/26]

*372. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider adopting the same build-cost assessment model already used by lending institutions when evaluating self-build mortgages, in order that applicants in high-valuation areas such as Schull are assessed on actual construction costs rather than inflated market values for help-to-buy eligibility. — Michael Collins. [14351/26]

*373. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the 20% income tax threshold to €48,000 in recognition of the pressures facing middle-income earners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14355/26]

*374. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14390/26]

*375. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14408/26]

*376. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department is reviewing the taxation treatment of exchange-traded funds and investment funds, including the eight-year deemed disposal rule and the current exit tax rate; whether consideration is being given to abolishing or reforming deemed disposal, aligning the exit tax rate with the 33% capital gains tax (CGT) rate, permitting the offsetting of losses in a manner consistent with CGT treatment, or introducing a tax-efficient retail savings or investment wrapper; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [14492/26]

*377. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any proposal to introduce continuous, real-time, or expanded withholding tax reporting obligations beyond existing statutory arrangements would require primary legislation approved by the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Ken O'Flynn. [14607/26]

*378. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether it is Government policy that any expansion of withholding tax reporting obligations will proceed only by way of primary

legislation; and whether draft legislative heads or policy proposals are under preparation relating to expanded or real-time withholding tax reporting requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [14608/26]

*379. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the annual increases in the retail price of the most popular price category MPPC for a 20-pack of cigarettes since 2014; the portion of the increase related to taxes; the portion of the increase due to price rises by the tobacco industry, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14788/26]

*380. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of persons successfully prosecuted for tobacco and or cigarette smuggling in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14789/26]

*381. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of summary and indictable convictions secured in 2024, 2025, and to date in 2026, for the evasion of tobacco excise duty and illegal selling of illicit tobacco, in addition to the total money collected in these years from associated fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14790/26]

*382. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the resources he is allocating to Revenue; the new or improved enforcement actions being taken to combat illicit tobacco smuggling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14791/26]

*383. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance how effective the new regulations introduced in November 2025 that strengthen rules relating to the amount of duty-paid tobacco products an individual can bring into Ireland from another European Union (EU) Member State have been in reducing the number of non-Irish duty paid cigarettes in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14792/26]

*384. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of category A vehicles that were charged with the nitrogen dioxide emissions (NOx) levy in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the revenue raised each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14805/26]

*385. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised if the current nitrogen dioxide (NOx) levy was doubled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14806/26]

*386. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be raised annually if the current nitrogen dioxide (NOx) levy was applied to both categories A and B vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14807/26]

*387. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of applications under the cycle-to-work scheme in 2024, 2025, and to date in 2026; if he will provide a breakdown between the number of bicycles, pedelecs, e-bikes, and e-cargo bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14812/26]

*388. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on expanding the reach of the bike-to-work scheme beyond PAYE to include everyone, employers, sole-traders, students, jobseekers, the disabled, unpaid homework and the retired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [14813/26]

*389. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will report on the progress of the housing investment and policy impact working group. — Paul Murphy. [14452/26]

*390. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will publish a list of properties and/or items that currently benefit from an exemption to capital acquisitions tax on the basis of their national, scientific, historic or artistic interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14980/26]

*391. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has plans to introduce a statutory footing that would allow Revenue to publish a list of properties and/or items that currently benefit from an exemption to capital acquisitions tax on the basis of their national, scientific, historic or artistic interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14981/26]

*392. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has considered introducing a system operating in the UK where members of the public can search online for the properties and/or items that have benefitted from tax breaks such as the exemption to capital acquisitions tax, on the basis of the property or item's national, scientific, historic or artistic interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14982/26]

*393. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman will confirm, since the 2025 Act came into force, the approach it is now taking in the case of complaints made against regulated financial institutions in cases involving actions taken by institutions relating to joint accounts where the consent of all parties was neither sought or received by such institutions; the number of such cases referred to FSPO under the 2025 Act to date; the number of such cases in which FSPO has upheld such complaints from individual complainants and found against the institution concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15111/26]

*394. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if modelling has been carried out by his Department on the impact on tax revenues if significant contributors of corporation tax were no longer making such payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [15120/26]

*395. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on progress of recommendation no. 41 of the Action Plan for Competitiveness & Productivity on a review of tax measures to incentivise investment into start-up and scaling companies. — Emer Currie. [15124/26]

*396. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide data on the number of companies who have availed of the different classes of capital allowances; and the total value of capital allowances, in each of the past ten years 2016-2025. — Emer Currie. [15125/26]

*397. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the timelines and processes for appointment of the next Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland. — Emer Currie. [15126/26]

*398. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted any assessment of potential tax measures to support young farmers to acquire land for farming. — Emer Currie. [15128/26]

*399. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted any assessment of introducing a VAT credit model for specific sectors to allow for a capped reduction in VAT payable as a business support or measure to prevent market failure. — Emer Currie. [15129/26]

*400. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to list all current taxes that a refundable business tax credit may be offset against in the case where a business elects to treat the credit as an overpayment. — Emer Currie. [15130/26]

*401. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if refundable business tax credits are available to sole traders. — Emer Currie. [15131/26]

*402. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide an estimate of the Exchequer cost of increasing capital acquisitions tax threshold B to €300,000, on both a first-year and full-year basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15178/26]

*403. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide an estimate of the Exchequer cost of increasing capital acquisitions tax threshold C to €200,000, on both a first-year and full-year basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15179/26]

*404. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has examined the feasibility of introducing a lifetime inheritance threshold, index-linked and applying across all gifts and inheritances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15180/26]

*405. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has undertaken any modelling on the distributional or intergenerational impacts of changes to capital acquisitions tax thresholds, particularly in the context of intergenerational fairness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15181/26]

*406. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for treating carer's allowance as taxable income and if he will consider reviewing the taxation status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [15647/26]

*407. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of persons awarded a primary medical certificate on appeal rather than at the initial application stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [15700/26]

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

*408. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline any legislative, regulatory, or administrative reforms currently under consideration or in development to reduce delays in Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment stages for major transport infrastructure projects, and to provide indicative timelines for the introduction of any such reforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14733/26]

*409. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is aware of the conditions in a Garda station (details supplied) where, due to storm flooding, a conference room developed a huge leak and, as such, a number of meetings

have been cancelled, including neighbourhood watch meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [15042/26]

*410. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when a Garda station (details supplied) will be upgraded and increased in size; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [15043/26]

*411. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14025/26]

*412. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide a schedule of OPW lands, to include size, buildings and storage facilities across the State that are not in use and or vacant and duration of same. — Aidan Farrelly. [14112/26]

*413. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will report on the progress of reviewing the Civil Service Blended Working Policy Framework as outlined in the Programme for Government. — Mark Wall. [14346/26]

*414. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide the details of the Ministerial Consent granted to the work regarding the proposed works on buildings adjoining the 1916 National Monument at 14 to 17 Moore Street. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14369/26]

*415. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14396/26]

*416. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14414/26]

*417. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is aware of recent flooding at the confluence of a culvert which runs through an area (details supplied), Dublin which severely affected a residential area; to report on how the flood alleviation scheme will mitigate future flooding at this site; if the area was previously within the scope of the scheme; the finding of any review that has taken place into the specific causes of the flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [14442/26]

*418. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No's 412 and 413 of 4 February 2026, the overall number of applications for abatement; the circumstances in which abatement waivers were granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14471/26]

*419. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the reinstatement of the external wrought iron gates at the Merrion Street and Kildare Street entrances to Leinster House and at the Merrion Street entrance

to Government Buildings; to provide an update on the projected timeframe for reinstatement in each case; to provide detailed costings on all associated works and related costs to date, and any further projected costs in each case; and to indicate whether these costs can be recouped from any third party; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14736/26]

*420. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the predicted construction cost for the National Children's Science Centre project; the costs that have been incurred to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14737/26]

*421. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a cost-benefit analysis has been conducted on the proposed National Children's Science Centre project; if an updated business case has been reviewed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14738/26]

*422. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the 2029 construction deadline for the National Children's Science Centre, as set out in the latest arbitration ruling, will be met; what steps he is taking to progress the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14739/26]

*423. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Mayne river in North Dublin is included in the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme; the plans in place for a flood relief scheme to protect local residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14860/26]

*424. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has noticed a decrease in the number of contractor firms (engineers, architects, surveyors) bidding for public contracts in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [15030/26]

*425. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department is aware of contractor firms (engineers, architects, surveyors) capping the amount of public work they bid for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [15031/26]

*426. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department is examining the use of "last man standing" clauses and "1%" clauses in public contracts; and if any assessment been done regarding how these clauses in public contracts are a disincentive to contract firms (engineers, architects, surveyors) bidding for public contracts. — Roderic O'Gorman. [15032/26]

*427. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 370 of 30 July 2020, to provide an update on the OPW's review of the Balgriffin Flood Relief Scheme referred to in parliamentary question; if the review has been completed; if so, if he will ensure it is made available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [15051/26]

*428. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which his Department has ensured that the increase of over 50% in civil service numbers in the period 2015 to 2024 has resulted in a concomitant increase in productivity

and delivery of public services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [15121/26]

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

*429. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports his Department is currently providing or willing to provide in the future to support small family-run self-catering businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14842/26]

*430. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with regard to the 2025 report by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission highlighting significant information gaps for homebuyers, if he has considered using his powers under section 50 of the Consumer Protection Act 2007 to prescribe the consumer information that must accompany the sale of real property to consumers by traders; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [13990/26]

*431. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment total value of dual-use exports to Israel from 2017 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [13996/26]

*432. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total number of dual-use export licenses granted to Israel from 2017 to 2025, detailing the type of product exported, the type of end user academic, medical, military and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [13997/26]

*433. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total number of dual-use export licenses to Israel which were denied from 2017 to 2025, detailing the reason for denial, type of product requested for export, the type of end user academic, medical, military and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [13998/26]

*434. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of jobs in IDA-supported companies in each county, from 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [14006/26]

*435. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of the five IDA visits to Laois in 2025 that were virtual, and the number that were physical; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [14007/26]

*436. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he intends to publish the National Life Sciences Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [14010/26]

*437. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14018/26]

*438. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a breakdown of funding provided to Local Enterprise Office’s in Cork city and county over the past three years;

the number of grants awarded and jobs supported or created; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [14062/26]

*439. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether he has engaged with stakeholders regarding the redevelopment of the former sugar beet factory lands at Newberry, Mallow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [14063/26]

*440. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from his Department's vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14099/26]

*441. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the State, or any State-owned agencies, funded the building of a factory (details supplied); if so, the cost of the grant towards same. — Peadar Tóibín. [14171/26]

*442. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the amount of investment by the State, or any State-owned agencies, in the IDA Park, Johnstown Navan; the average build cost of each unit; if these units are still under the ownership of the IDA; and if not, if the details of any sales be provided. — Peadar Tóibín. [14172/26]

*443. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagements he has had with the tourism industry regarding the role of online booking platforms and the commission and fees they are charging affecting the profitability of small, local tourism businesses; whether his Department has considered a Government-backed booking platform for the tourism industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [14299/26]

*444. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans for the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council; if it will be built into the governance structures of the National AI Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14318/26]

*445. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the monitoring practices carried out by Government on the potential and actual impact of artificial intelligence on employment in specific sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14319/26]

*446. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14389/26]

*447. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14407/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports available for SMEs in Offaly to integrate AI technologies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14548/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will undertake a review of the critical skills occupations list to ensure it accurately reflects current labour market shortages. — David Maxwell. [14555/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will examine the continued inclusion of certain IT/ICT, business support, administrative, and sales roles on the critical skills occupations list in view of anecdotal and reported evidence suggesting that many qualified graduates and experienced professionals in Ireland are currently experiencing difficulty securing employment in these fields. — David Maxwell. [14556/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the criteria, labour market data and consultation processes used to determine which occupations remain on or are removed from the critical skills occupations list; and whether any review is planned or underway in 2026. — David Maxwell. [14557/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider the inclusion of skilled trades occupations on the critical skills occupations list, including but not limited to plumbers, electricians, carpenters, and bricklayers, given the well-documented shortages in these professions and their importance in supporting housing delivery and infrastructure development. — David Maxwell. [14558/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when a decision will be made on a general employment permit application (details supplied), given four of the five applications submitted together have been approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14565/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider updating the critical skills occupations list; if he will consider the addition of trade professions to the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [14930/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when seasonal work permits will be allocated for seasonal workers in the horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14939/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on Ireland's Spaces Strategy for Enterprise, including performance on goals set out in the 2019 to 2025 strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [15113/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on progress of recommendation no. 40 of the Action Plan for Competitiveness & Productivity on incentivising pension fund and institutional investor participation in the financing of scaling Irish enterprise. — Emer Currie. [15123/26]

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

*458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will make a statement on the need for greater supports for young people in Ireland and her plans to allocate additional, targeted funding for same. — Ivana Bacik. [13991/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider reviewing the SNA allocation for a school (details supplied), considering the recent reduction of 60% to their mainstream SNA allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [14009/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of buildings leased by her Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14017/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Clare, and every county, that will lose SNAs because of the NCSE review, in tabular form; if there will be any job losses, or if persons affected will all be redeployed; the steps being taken to increase the number of SNAs in schools; how the appeals process will operate given that schools could not report pupils who need SNAs unless they have had an assessment of needs, for which there is a large waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [14030/26]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have had an SNA review conducted by the NCSE in the past year; the number of those schools which saw a reduction in their SNA allocation following review by the NCSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14035/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special schools operated the July provision in 2025; the number of special schools planning to operate same this academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14040/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have contacted the FSSU this year; the proportion of the schools in contact with FSSU which represent special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14041/26]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will outline the position in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14042/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the SNA allocation reviews in schools, whether there have been changes to the criteria recently, or what the basis is for reductions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14054/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is considering measures to encourage broader uptake of the July provision among special school staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14055/26]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is any requirement for schools within an area to offer the Leaving Certificate Applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14056/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school building project (details supplied) will proceed to tender stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14072/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of SNA posts that were found to be in excess of the level of need in their current placement and thus reallocated

following the recent Statewide NCSE SNA review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14073/26]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of SNA posts in Kildare that were found to be in excess of the level of need in their current placement and thus reallocated following the recent Statewide NCSE SNA review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14074/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department will provide adequate funding to a school (details supplied) to cover operational expenses; if her Department will engage in a meaningful way to resolve the significant financial difficulties the school is facing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14075/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special needs assistant reviews that have been completed in County Louth for academic school years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [14090/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special needs assistants allocated to students in County Louth for the current school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [14091/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special needs assistants employed in County Louth for the 2025 school year; the projected number to be employed for the 2026 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [14092/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in each county that have appealed their special needs assistant allocation in 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026; the number of these appeals that were successful, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [14093/26]

*477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's work to strengthen the local youth club grant scheme. — Maeve O'Connell. [12769/26]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from her Department's vote allocations over the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14098/26]

*479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on capital works being carried out in a school (details supplied) to accommodate special education; the works being undertaken; the costs of the works and timeframe for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [14119/26]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools which have submitted appeals following the outcome of NCSE-led SNA review; the number of those appeals that have been decided on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14135/26]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the formal impact assessment that has been conducted on the educational and emotional consequences of SNA reductions; the way "reasonable distance" is defined when existing commute times and childcare responsibilities are

considered; the reason SNA vacancies no longer being consistently advertised publicly; if she will commit to reviewing the redeployment policy to ensure it is fair, transparent, and genuinely child-centred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [14149/26]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will outline the amount of funding which has been provided to a special school (details supplied); if her Department plans to increase this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [14161/26]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason schools (details supplied) were not included in the announced list of school projects in the National Development Plan; the schools' current position within future phases of the National Development Plan; when those schools can expect significant capital investment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [14167/26]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason her Department have not responded to the project building team of a school (details supplied) since May 2025; and whether she is aware that their current lease expires in 2027. — Thomas Gould. [14168/26]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an emergency works application (details supplied); if she could give an update and outline a timeline for when flood damage might be repaired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [14169/26]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when staffing allocation decisions for the 2026-2027 school year will issue to schools in Kildare North; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [14173/26]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department can intervene in the case of a school (details supplied) to ensure that adequate special needs assistant provision is obtained following the SNA review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14189/26]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of voluntary redeployment within the ETB sector, including any planned reforms to Appendix 2 of the redeployment scheme; the extent of engagement with teacher unions on developing a system that would allow teachers to relocate while retaining permanent/CID status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [14190/26]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if steps are being taken to facilitate inter-ETB redeployment or transfer opportunities for permanent/CID staff, given ongoing the reluctance among ETBs to release staff even where over-allocation exists; if she will engage with ETBs such as CDETB to clarify their position on external transfers; whether her Department has assessed the impact of limited mobility on teacher retention and regional supply challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [14191/26]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address serious concerns raised in correspondence regarding a Kildare school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [14224/26]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school building project (details supplied); if she will consider the alternative application by the school; her views on the loss of amenities space under her Department's existing plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14254/26]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of reading school places in Dublin south-west; and number of applications for places received for the academic year 2025-2026. — Seán Crowe. [14257/26]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of a case of two students (details supplied); and the options now available to these two students. — Seán Crowe. [14258/26]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria for establishing an LCA class; if there is a minimum required number of LCA classes per county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14262/26]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will report on the possibility of conducting an urgent reassessment of the needs of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [14286/26]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to include a school (details supplied) in the Development plan; the deadline to make a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [14287/26]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on whether it is acceptable that support for children with disabilities is provided in corridors or outside a school (details supplied); the temporary solutions that can be provided to the school until funding is approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [14288/26]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of Bus Éireann being consistently unresponsive in relation to queries from families and elected representatives pertaining to the school transport scheme; the measures she will take to improve communication from Bus Éireann regarding same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14314/26]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the Energy and Condition Survey of the school estate will be completed; the actions that will result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14317/26]

*500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the funding for Education for sustainable development projects in schools will be continued; and the date by which schools will have to make their application. — Seán Crowe. [14324/26]

*501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the changes in SNA allocation arising from school-led reviews and NCSE-led reviews from November 2025 to present in County Galway, including allocation before and after reviews, by school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [14325/26]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will provide an update on plans to increase the number of dedicated reading schools and reading classes in north Dublin

in view of the shortage of places for children with dyslexia; the rationale for requiring families to hold a National Council for Special Education eligibility letter from the previous year before applying; whether she will review this requirement to allow earlier access to appropriate supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14331/26]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department provides funding or programme supports to schools that utilise external sports facilities; the alternative arrangements available where access to such facilities changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14337/26]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students in counties Wicklow and Wexford currently holding a place on two or more school lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [14341/26]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason she is redesignating special schools that cater for children with learning disabilities; the supports that will be made available to students with learning disabilities who are forced to attend mainstream schools due to a lack of spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [14342/26]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students entering secondary level education, who have learning disabilities, have been informed that they do not have a school place in a special needs school or class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [14343/26]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason her Department decided to redesignate students with learning disabilities from special needs schools to mainstream schools; the number of special school places that have been revoked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [14344/26]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether mandatory specialist autism training is required for all teachers and principals in schools operating autism classes; if not, the reason for same; and whether she will commit to introducing mandatory, up-to-date training for all staff working in autism classes. — Sorca Clarke. [14364/26]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary and post-primary teachers who completed NCSE “Introduction to Autism” training in each of the past three years; the number who applied but did not receive a place; and whether additional training dates and capacity will be provided. — Sorca Clarke. [14365/26]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current number of psychologists employed by NEPS; the average waiting time for assessment; the number of schools limited to a capped number of referrals per year; and the steps being taken to expand NEPS capacity to ensure timely assessments for younger children. — Sorca Clarke. [14366/26]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children recorded as experiencing school refusal where autism, ADHD or other neurodivergent conditions are identified as contributing factors; and the targeted supports available to such children and their families. — Sorca Clarke. [14367/26]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure autism classes are adequately resourced and staffed with appropriately trained personnel;

and whether inspections assess specialist knowledge and implementation of evidence-based supports. — Sorca Clarke. [14368/26]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an evaluation of Oíche na hÓige has taken place; if it will be an annual event; if a date has been set for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14376/26]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the learnings obtained from the evaluation of Oíche na hÓige in terms of community awareness and participation; the way in which the 2026 iteration address geographic and sectoral gaps and accessibility for marginalised groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14377/26]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the ongoing needs of Ukrainian young people will be met within existing lines (UBU, LYCGS, YSGS) without displacing current service users given the dedicated migrant integration subhead has been discontinued; the supports available for other migrant populations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14378/26]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention preschool classes for autistic children in mainstream schools and special schools which are being redesignated to primary autism classes/other special classes for the 2026-2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [14381/26]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of all State agencies within her Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14388/26]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the State agencies within her Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14406/26]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of special education needs class places available in primary and post-primary schools nationally in the current school year; and the number of places that remain unfilled; and the measures being taken to ensure sufficient SEN places for children outside of their catchment area. — Sorca Clarke. [14419/26]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of special education needs class places available in primary and post-primary schools in Westmeath in the current school year; and the number of places that remain unfilled; and the measures are being taken to ensure sufficient SEN places for children outside of their catchment area. — Sorca Clarke. [14420/26]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who have been refused a place in an SEN class due to oversubscription, broken down by county; whether waiting lists are maintained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [14421/26]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria and provision for one-to-one support in mainstream classes for children with additional needs; the number of children currently receiving such support; and whether there are plans to expand this support to ensure inclusion for children who cannot access a dedicated SEN class. — Sorca Clarke. [14422/26]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the NCSE can provide accurate, up-to-date data on the number of SEN class places available nationally; if not, the reason for this lack of data; and the steps being taken to improve transparency and accessibility of such information for parents and schools. — Sorca Clarke. [14423/26]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports and interventions in place for children who require SEN placements but live outside the catchment area of schools with available SEN classes; and whether additional funding or provisions are being considered to ensure equitable access. — Sorca Clarke. [14424/26]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 120 of 12 February 2026, if she will address specifically the funding gap between special classes at primary level and post primary level. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14478/26]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she will approve and release funding for a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); and the steps her Department is taking to address the substandard temporary accommodation currently housing the school. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14499/26]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider a request to make changes to a school bus route to better serve students in a local area (details supplied). — Mark Wall. [14503/26]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on construction commencement for the 32-classroom school earmarked for a school (details supplied); the likely timescale for opening; the timescale for temporary accommodation being provided on the fourth primary school site in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [14532/26]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress of the additional accommodation application for a school (details supplied); if she is aware that the school's design has been submitted to her Department and is currently awaiting assessment; if she will acknowledge the significant space constraints at the school where special education teachers are currently operating at the back of active classrooms and in the main hall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [14559/26]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the criteria for assistive technology supports to ensure that children with Down syndrome are not excluded from eligibility, particularly in cases where the child cannot write their name and has clear educational need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14560/26]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the appeals process for assistive technology refusals to ensure transparency and fairness, particularly for children with complex needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14561/26]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports which are available for families of children with Down syndrome who require assistive technology but have been refused under current criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14562/26]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the policy measures to boost teacher supply, including permanent contracts after one year, announced in April of last year, have been progressed; when legislation on this issue will be brought into effect; how else this legislation might attract teachers abroad to come home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [14564/26]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the options available to the parents of a child (details supplied) who has been unable to secure a school place in their local area for the coming intake; the steps being taken to increase provision of primary school places in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [14580/26]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm that the SNA review outcome letters that have already issued to schools in the past few weeks will be rescinded until the conclusion of the further engagement that is being undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [14590/26]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address concerns raised in correspondence regarding the allocation of additional needs school places (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [14615/26]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth current level of dyslexia-specific supports available in primary and post-primary schools; and whether her Department plans to expand evidence-based interventions for students with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14642/26]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will review the Special Education Teaching allocation model to ensure it adequately reflects the number of students with dyslexia in each school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14643/26]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of teachers who have completed dyslexia-specific training through her Department or NCSE in the past three years; and whether further mandatory training is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14644/26]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average waiting time for an educational psychological assessment for suspected dyslexia through the NEPS system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14645/26]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated number of students currently diagnosed with dyslexia in primary and post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14646/26]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department or the NCSE maintains a dyslexia national prevalence database; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14647/26]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she could provide the number of children diagnosed with dyslexia in each of the past five academic years, broken down by constituency, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14648/26]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's current policy on the provision of assistive technology for students with special educational needs, including dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14649/26]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of applications received by the National Council for Special Education for assistive technology supports in each of the last five years; the number approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14650/26]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current average processing time for assistive technology applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14651/26]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports that are in place for a child with autism who cannot attend mainstream secondary school (details supplied); to outline who parents can contact; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14652/26]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the procedure behind cuts in SNAs in a school in Cork (details supplied); the mechanisms that exist to address cases where schools report unmet need; if her Department will reverse this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [14658/26]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the decision to cut SNAs in a school in Cork (details supplied); the way in which the NCSE came to this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [14660/26]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to obtain from the NCSE the names of the individual schools in County Louth that received notice from the NCSE (prior to the announcement by the Minister that the current review of SNA allocation is to be paused), informing them that they would lose SNAs in their mainstream classes in the next school year; the number of SNAs that were scheduled to be lost to each school, as reflected in the correspondence received by each school concerned, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14662/26]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the number of SNAs currently in place supporting students in mainstream classes in each school in County Louth, as of 1 January 2026, on a school-by-school basis, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14663/26]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the Interdepartmental Group established to examine the issue of historic child sexual abuse in primary and secondary schools has completed its work; if so, the date on which its report or recommendations were furnished to her; whether Government has considered the report; whether a formal decision has been taken regarding the establishment of a redress scheme for survivors of historic child sexual abuse in primary and secondary schools; and the current timeline, for legislative or administrative action in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [14679/26]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she is satisfied that the State's current legal and administrative framework provides an effective remedy for survivors of historic child sexual abuse in primary and secondary schools; whether the Government has undertaken an assessment of the State's obligations arising from the judgment of the European Court of Human

in a case (details supplied) in the context of survivors who do not fall within existing redress schemes; whether any formal review has been carried out to determine if additional legislative or administrative measures are required to ensure compliance with Articles 3 and 13 of the European Convention on Human Rights; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14680/26]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are any grants or financial aids available to a school (details supplied) to enhance their outdoor yard space that would pay for outdoor play equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [14785/26]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she will take to ensure there is a school place for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14822/26]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the new school building project for a school (details supplied) will be published on eTenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14823/26]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for clarity on an SNA review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14835/26]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in light of the criteria for the award of incremental credit as set out in Circulars 10/2001, for primary teachers, 29/2007 and 29/2010 for post-primary teachers, if a formal mechanism of appeal exists for teachers whose applications for recognition of overseas service have been refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [14845/26]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the correspondence regarding post-primary special class places (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised; if she will provide an update on the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14874/26]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has received correspondence from a school (details supplied); if her Department has responded to this correspondence; if she will ensure a review of the matter raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [14887/26]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has received correspondence from a school (details supplied); if she has responded to this correspondence; if she will ensure a review of the matter raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [14889/26]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a ratio for the number of SNA's to schools across Ireland in each of the years 2021 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14890/26]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provision supports and services to survivors of Institutional Abuse, as agreed through previous mediation with this group. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14839/26]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on plans for a major building programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14914/26]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm the contacts she has had in respect of the accommodation needs of a school (details supplied); if she appreciates the concerns of the school community on the matter and will offer assurances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14915/26]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if it is correct that following a review carried out, a school (details supplied) will see a reduction in SNA support allocation; if it is accepted that this will result in children with need not having access to support they require; if the cut will be reconsidered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14916/26]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 349 of 12 February 2026, her views on whether there should be pay equity between principals of special schools and principals of mainstream schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14967/26]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in primary and post-primary schools who are receiving support through the assistive technology grant, by school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [14970/26]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students attending gaelscoileanna who have been refused an assistive technology grant in 2025 to date, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [14971/26]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of appeals made under Circular 0010/2013 regarding the assistive technology grant in 2025 to date; the number upheld, part-upheld and refused; if she will provide the breakdown of applications, decisions and appeals, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [14972/26]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department uses a previous refusal of an assistive technology grant at primary level when considering a new application at post-primary level for the same child; if so, the basis for this approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [14973/26]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the training, professional development and guidance provided to special educational needs organisers in relation to assessing applications for the assistive technology grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [14974/26]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the portal will be open for students to apply for school transport for the 2026/2027 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [14985/26]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if school transport escorts employed under the umbrella of Transport for Ireland receive higher pay along with statutory holidays in comparison to school transport escorts paid through her Department special educational needs

transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14987/26]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide clarification on matters relating to special needs assistants who may be losing their posts (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14988/26]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of SNAs employed at the end of each month since September 2025; and the current number of funded vacant positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [15003/26]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current number of WTE SNA positions funded for the school year 2025/2026; and the total number that will be available from September 2026 for school year 2026/2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [15004/26]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to ensure a person (details supplied) will be provided with special school bus transport, in view that the pupil was in receipt of transport and was notified that the route will not operate from 19 January 2026 until further notice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15005/26]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to this Deputy's Topical Debate on 17 February 2026, the practical steps her Department will take in relation to a playing pitch for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [15012/26]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a value for money audit has been carried out in relation to the overall cost of installing two modular ASD classes for a school (details supplied) and refurbishing the older classroom at the same time, versus subsequently funding an upgrade of the existing modular building at a later stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [15013/26]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on when her Department will meet three schools in Dublin 7 (details supplied) for the Stage 2A review meeting regarding the proposal to demolish and rebuild their schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [15033/26]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the status of recently announced SNA reviews where schools have lost an SNA allocation, whether schools still need to lodge an SNA appeal if they do not wish to lose an SNA; the status of the 'pause' announced on 17 February; if will schools be directly informed regarding the status of the pause and how it impacts on the letter they received regarding the SNA allocation from September 2026, their need to appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [15034/26]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will state when construction can commence on classrooms sanctioned by her Department to meet the needs of students with additional educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [15061/26]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when school bus tickets will be awarded to students (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [15062/26]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the work her Department is doing to establish more reading schools and reading classes in the North Dublin area to cater for children with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [15070/26]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider a school placement for a child with additional educational needs raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [15074/26]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to allow SNA’s to qualify for occupational injury leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [15075/26]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has any plans to review the requirement for newly qualified teachers to have completed the Droichead programme within three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [15076/26]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will positively consider the establishment of a special class for children with an autism diagnosis in a school in County Clare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15077/26]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school building project (details supplied); the timeline for construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [15081/26]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that an organisation (details supplied) own a building on the same site as a school which they are putting on the market for private sale; and her plans to ensure that it can be used for educational purposes to accommodate the new Gaelcholáiste. — Ivana Bacik. [15145/26]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm if there are any plans to develop a new secondary school in Newtownmountkennedy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15158/26]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm the status of the development of the Kilkenny Schools Campus site; if the funding of €5 million announced by the previous Minister will be confirmed; if the project will be approved for the next phase of the development given that at the end of 2025, the enabling works were substantially completed with utilities awaiting final connection; if the tender report for pre-qualification of construction contractors has been submitted to her Department for sanction; her Department are awaiting adjudication of the project by the NTMA; the KCETB are now the legal owner of the Kilkenny Schools Campus site and €3.5 million has already been spent on the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15164/26]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of schools in Carlow and Kilkenny that are waiting approval for capital works and the stage that each one is at. — John McGuinness. [15166/26]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the provision of a new school building to accommodate the amalgamation of school (details supplied); if approval will be given to allow the project to move to the next stage, as committed to previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15182/26]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) will be approved to go to tender stage for their construction project, as outlined in their application submitted in December 2025. — John McGuinness. [15194/26]

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

*597. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the role of his Department in supporting the implementation of objectives within a report (details supplied) relating to cultural investment and the development of cultural infrastructure in Dublin City; the funding streams or policy supports which are available to assist delivery of these objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14797/26]

*598. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14015/26]

*599. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a breakdown of the 2,000 recipients of the so-called ‘basic income for the arts’ scheme, by the artistic or creative area or field or sector they work in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14060/26]

*600. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an exhaustive list of all departments that have paid flood related compensation from his Department’s vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14111/26]

*601. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has reviewed the unsuccessful applications of the second round of the LSSIF, which commenced in April 2024; if his Department has prepared a LSSIF reserve list; if further opportunities will be provided to fund these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [14316/26]

*602. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether public funding has been provided through his Department or through Sport Ireland in respect of a centre (details supplied) in the past five years; the amount of any such funding; the conditions attached to that funding regarding community access and participation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14334/26]

*603. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the oversight mechanisms that apply within his Department to ensure that facilities supported by public funding for sport continue to operate in accordance with national participation and inclusion objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14335/26]

*604. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has received representations regarding community or grassroots access to publicly funded sports facilities in Dublin; the policy actions taken within his remit in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14336/26]

*605. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current policy measures and funding programmes within his Department that support participation by girls and women in sport, particularly at grassroots level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14338/26]

*606. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he has reviewed the governance and access conditions attached to publicly funded sports infrastructure projects to ensure alignment with national sports policy objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14340/26]

*607. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14386/26]

*608. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14404/26]

*609. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there are plans to allow Coimisiún na Meán fund media companies that cater for the Irish diaspora abroad. — Conor D. McGuinness. [14616/26]

*610. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 372 to 377 of 12 February 2026, in respect of the 2.1% pension increase request for members of the Eircom superannuation defined benefit pension scheme received by his Department on 8 August 2025 with effect from 1 July 2025, the date on which advice was formally requested from NewERA; the date on which NewERA submitted its report; the date on which the matter was placed before him for decision; whether he has made a determination; if no determination has been made, the specific steps outstanding; whether the proposal has been submitted to the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for consent and, if so, on what date; the current location of the file within the approval chain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14711/26]

*611. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to set out, in respect of pension increases under the Eircom Superannuation Defined Benefit Pension Scheme, the legal and scheme basis upon which members who retired before January 1984 receive different pension increase outcomes from those who retired after that date; to identify the specific Rule, statutory instrument, or legislative provision under which this distinction operates; to state whether his Department has undertaken any equality, pensions law, or constitutional assessment of this differential treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14712/26]

*612. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to set out the decision framework applied by him when determining whether to authorise pension increases under section 10 of the Eircom Superannuation Scheme Rules, including whether consideration is given to CPI or inflation indices, public service pay policy benchmarks, actuarial sustainability of the scheme, exchequer affordability, and parity considerations with comparable legacy public service schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14713/26]

*613. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to specify the statutory or administrative basis under which NewERA provides advice in respect of pension increases

payable under the Eircom Superannuation Defined Benefit Pension Scheme, given that Eir is neither a State body nor a designated NewERA body; to state whether any formal service level agreement, memorandum of understanding, or written protocol governs this advisory role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14714/26]

*614. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the 2.1% pension increase requested with effect from 1 July 2025, if approved at a later date, will be paid retrospectively to that effective date; to state whether any estimate has been made of the accrued Exchequer liability arising from delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14715/26]

*615. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to state whether any review of the continued operation of section 46(4) of the Postal and Telecommunications Act 1983, as amended, has been conducted since 2004; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [14716/26]

*616. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to support those currently on the basic income for the arts scheme which is due to end in February 2026 whereas the permanent scheme is due to start in September 2026 leaving a gap of seven months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [14741/26]

*617. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will review correspondence (details supplied) regarding the fibre broadband access at a location; if he will provide an update on the current status of broadband provision for this premises; the steps being taken to ensure delivery of high-speed fibre connectivity in the area; if the premises is included under the National Broadband Plan or any commercial rollout; the projected timeline for connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14888/26]

*618. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Government appointed Online Safety Taskforce in relation to limiting or regulating the use of recommender algorithms that expose children to harmful content; the measures in place, or planned, to strengthen age verification requirements for online service providers operating in the State; the enforcement powers available to ensure compliance with such obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14997/26]

*619. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the restructuring of RTÉ agreed as part of the multiannual funding package agreed with the organisation. — Malcolm Byrne. [15114/26]

*620. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if any mapping exercise has been carried out regarding access to artistic and cultural activities and venues across the country has been carried out by his Department or on behalf of his Department or Departmental agencies; the measures in place to support access in underrepresented or under supported areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [15115/26]

*621. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the planned redevelopment of the National Concert Hall. — Malcolm Byrne. [15116/26]

*622. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the planned redevelopment of a theatre. — Malcolm Byrne. [15117/26]

*623. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the planned redevelopment of the National Library. — Malcolm Byrne. [15118/26]

*624. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will review correspondence (details supplied) regarding Irish arts recognition and synthetic media research; if he will outline what supports or funding streams available through his Department or its agencies for artists and researchers working at the intersection of the arts and artificial intelligence; whether specific measures are being considered to address the impact of synthetic media and deepfake technologies on the creative sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15187/26]

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

*625. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of homes purchased in Ireland by investment funds, by area, and house size, across 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [14473/26]

*626. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a person (details supplied) will have funds repaid to him for works carried out to his apartment.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [15041/26]

*627. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14023/26]

*628. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the consultation for Páirc Náisiúnta na Mara, Ciarraí; when the outcomes will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14046/26]

*629. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the consultation for ‘Your Parks, Your Say’; when the outcomes will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14047/26]

*630. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline which national parks have current management plans in place; the timelines for when all national parks will have their own management plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14048/26]

*631. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the report by the Marine Institute regarding the impact of tangle nets on endangered marine species; if he has been in contact with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the same; if he will support a ban on tangle nets in our inshore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14049/26]

*632. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the SACs designated for grey seal on the coast of Ireland; the measures currently in place to protect seals; and to specify the conservation objectives of these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14050/26]

*633. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the concerns raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14076/26]

*634. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from his Department's vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14104/26]

*635. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any planning regulation that stipulates that a medical service provider, such as a pharmacy or GP surgery, must have car parking access/set down within a reasonable distance from the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [14165/26]

*636. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Monuments Service will provide a wheelchair accessible entrance at a cemetery (details supplied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [14197/26]

*637. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a private home purchaser can combine the first home scheme with the croí cónaithe cities scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14199/26]

*638. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of ECCE-only childcare services that are considered exempt and not-exempt from paying commercial rates in 2025 and 2026 as per paragraph 10, schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001. — Emer Currie. [14240/26]

*639. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of ECCE-only childcare services that have received commercial rates bills in 2025 and 2026. — Emer Currie. [14241/26]

*640. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sessional childcare services that are considered exempt and not-exempt from paying commercial rates as per paragraph 10, schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001. — Emer Currie. [14242/26]

*641. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sessional childcare services that have received commercial rates bills in 2025 and 2026. — Emer Currie. [14243/26]

*642. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his definition of ECCE, sessional and part-time childcare services; and how commercial rates are applied to each of them. — Emer Currie. [14244/26]

*643. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of part-time childcare services that are considered exempt and not-exempt from paying commercial rates as per paragraph 10, schedule 4 of the Valuation Act 2001. — Emer Currie. [14245/26]

*644. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of part-time childcare services that have received commercial rates bills in 2025 and 2026. — Emer Currie. [14246/26]

*645. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of childminders that have had their homes assessed for commercial rates in 2024, 2025 and 2026. — Emer Currie. [14249/26]

*646. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of childminders that have received bills for commercial rates in 2024, 2025 and 2026. — Emer Currie. [14250/26]

*647. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of ECCE childcare services that have had their premises assessed for commercial rates in 2024, 2025 and 2026. — Emer Currie. [14251/26]

*648. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, given the significant increase in population, he will increase the number of city and county councillors nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14320/26]

*649. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has obtained legal advice to support the position that complaints concerning the administration, delay, procedures, resourcing or transparency of the Defective Concrete Blocks Appeals Panel fall outside the remit of the Office of the Ombudsman by virtue of the panel being described as independent; if so, the legal basis for that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [14321/26]

*650. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether it is the position of his Department that homeowners affected by defective concrete blocks have no external or independent complaints or oversight mechanism available to them in respect of delay, maladministration or procedural unfairness in the appeals process; if so, the way in which this position is compatible with principles of good administration and access to remedy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [14322/26]

*651. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role of his Department in determining or influencing the operation of the Defective Concrete Blocks Appeals Panel, including its terms of reference, appointment process, funding, staffing levels, procedures and timelines; whether, in view of this role, he accepts that the administration and operation of the panel must remain subject to normal public accountability standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [14323/26]

*652. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether hemp-based construction materials, including hempcrete and bio composite products are being considered within public procurement frameworks and housing policy as part of efforts to reduce building emissions and construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14329/26]

*653. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has issued policy guidance or circulars to local authorities regarding the governance and leasing of publicly owned sports facilities to third parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14332/26]

*654. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has any role in approving, reviewing or providing guidance on governance structures

for sports facilities owned by local authorities and leased to external bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14333/26]

*655. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has issued guidance to local authorities on community consultation processes in respect of publicly owned sports and recreational facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14339/26]

*656. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the exemption for protected structures is listed as a potential exception in urban areas of high population under the short-term letting regulations and does not apply to rural areas where many historic structures are not suitable for long-term lets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [14363/26]

*657. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14394/26]

*658. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14412/26]

*659. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has considered or supported small-scale, clustered or integrated housing developments specifically designed for adults with intellectual disabilities who wish to live independently while remaining close to their peers and community, such as a proposed development of 15–20 universally designed homes in Balbriggan, County Dublin (details supplied). — Robert O'Donoghue. [14465/26]

*660. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding streams, including capital assistance scheme, housing for all measures, or other capital programmes, which could be accessed by disability-led or family-led groups seeking to develop accessible, non-institutional housing models that prioritise dignity, choice, and community integration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14466/26]

*661. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether current housing policy adequately recognises the need for housing models that allow adults with intellectual disabilities to live near friends and established support networks, rather than being placed in isolated or inappropriate settings such as nursing homes or scattered housing far from their community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14467/26]

*662. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department has had with the HSE, the Department of Children, Disability, and Equality, and local authorities to ensure that housing delivery for people with disabilities aligns with individualised supports rather than institutional-style provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14468/26]

*663. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the planning, land-use, or local authority supports that will be made available to enable a community-based housing model that is neither a congregated setting nor a residential institution, but a fully integrated neighbourhood within a wider housing estate supporting adults with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14469/26]

*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether housing for all targets include provision for adults with intellectual disabilities who can live independently with supports; if not, whether he will commit to reviewing this gap in view of ongoing reliance on unsuitable housing options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14470/26]

*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the STAR allocations to each organisation that has been awarded equity payments under this scheme, with a breakdown by scheme and amount of STAR awarded, in tabular form; and the number of applications from private investors and, separately, the LDA, that have not progressed or have been refused to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14570/26]

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the formal review of the housing assistance payment scheme will conclude; when a revised HAP scheme will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [14664/26]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with local authorities on developing a protocol to allow households fleeing domestic, sexual and gender-based violence to transfer time spent on a social housing waiting list to another local authority; to provide details of the number of meetings he has had; the dates of the meetings and attendees; when the protocol will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [14665/26]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on second hand acquisitions by each local authority, the number of properties acquired, by local authority, in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [14666/26]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a formal decision was taken at Department level to cease centralised data collection and monitoring of the Room for a Student – Local Authority Tenancies Scheme after December 2024; the date on which that decision was made; whether the decision was recorded in writing; and the governance basis upon which that decision was taken. — Ken O'Flynn. [14681/26]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any written impact assessment, performance review, or evaluation report was prepared prior to the cessation of central monitoring of the Room for a Student – Local Authority Tenancies Scheme; and if so, whether he will publish or provide the title and date of any such document. — Ken O'Flynn. [14682/26]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department holds any current aggregate national participation figure for the Room for a Student – Local Authority Tenancies Scheme for the period after December 2024; and if not, the mechanism by which he satisfies himself that the scheme remains operational and effective across all local authority areas. — Ken O'Flynn. [14683/26]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has undertaken any behavioural or financial analysis of the impact of treating income earned under the Room for a Student – Local Authority Tenancies Scheme as reckonable for differential rent purposes; and whether any policy review of that provision is currently under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [14684/26]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an overview of the progress made to expand social housing provision since 2020; the priorities for further expansion under the latest housing plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14748/26]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocation for the tenant in situ scheme for 2026, including the amounts allocated to each local authority; and the measures in place to ensure that tenants at risk of homelessness, particularly in Dublin Fingal, are protected given the sharp drop in funding and the lack of an alternative scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [14776/26]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason funding for the tenant in situ scheme is being cut, particularly in Dublin Fingal where allocations have fallen sharply from 131 homes in 2024 to just 36 in 2025; the measures being taken to ensure that tenants at risk of homelessness are not left without support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [14777/26]

*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Government has any plans to introduce a replacement scheme or alternative supports for tenants who would have been eligible under the tenant in situ programme, in order to prevent families from entering homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [14778/26]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which he reconciles concerns about local authority “over-reliance” on the tenant in situ scheme with the ongoing urgent housing needs; the guidance or additional resources which are being provided to councils to ensure that at-risk tenants can remain in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [14779/26]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the shift from an acquisition tenant in situ target approach in 2024 to a capped funding allocation in 2025 is intended to reduce social housing acquisitions overall; and if so, the alternative strategies in place to meet the housing needs of those threatened with homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [14780/26]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria which will be used to determine which councils receive support under the tenant in situ scheme; whether Dublin Fingal will receive sufficient funding to continue protecting tenants at risk of losing their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [14781/26]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the recommendations set out in a report (details supplied); the proposed review of noise regulation; the development of best practice guidance for local authorities managing night time venues in mixed use urban areas; the steps, if any, his Department has taken to advance these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14796/26]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider implementing a localised weather warning system, given the recent severe weather events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [14816/26]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the updated renewable energy planning guidelines will be published; the current status of their preparation and consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [13280/26]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the fire safety remediation scheme will be put on a statutory footing; when residents who are living in a location (details supplied) can expect to ultimately get refunds for their contributions to ensuring works go ahead in advance of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14836/26]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will meet with the Lough Neagh stake-holders group to discuss the current ecological crisis impacting the lake, and by extension to the sections of the wider river basin management area that fall within the counties under his jurisdiction. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14875/26]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on his Department's discussions with the Northern Executive Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Andrew Muir on collaboration between both administrations on water quality issues in Lough Neagh and surrounding environment; the actions that have been agreed; and if there is a timeline available on these actions; if he will meet with relevant stakeholders and their local political representatives on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14877/26]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the effectiveness of the Land Acquisition Fund is assessed in terms of its contribution to housing delivery; the number of housing units enabled on lands acquired through the fund; and whether any review of the Fund's impact or design is planned. — Albert Dolan. [14927/26]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the interdepartmental group on coastal change management, and the work of the steering group charged with addressing the recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14945/26]

*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 do not apply to local authority dwellings; whether any review of this position is underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14998/26]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure that the forthcoming National Planning Statement on Short-Term Letting provides a workable and proportionate framework for small coastal towns where tourism is a key part of the local economy; whether a multi-year derogation will be made available for homeowners who commit to applying for planning permission for short-term letting but cannot secure such permission before the 20 May 2026 registration deadline imposed by Fáilte Ireland; if guidance will be issued to local authorities to enable them to make planning decisions that reflect the accommodation needs of towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [15001/26]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the funding application for the Cork city homeless hub (details supplied); the reason for the delay in a decision; the timeline for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15017/26]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of retained firefighters by each local authority area for each of the years 2021 to 2025 inclusive. — Malcolm Byrne. [15107/26]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of projects submitted to date in 2026 by each local authority seeking support under the Housing Activation Investment Fund. — Malcolm Byrne. [15108/26]

*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to ensure that local authorities provide transparent eligibility and allocation rules for cost rental accommodation; the consideration being given to adjusting income thresholds to be eligible for cost rental; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15137/26]

*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options available, if any, for individuals with disabilities who work full time and as a consequence earn too much to access the housing adaptation grant for older people and people with disabilities; but who require immediate adaptations to their home in order to remain independent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15163/26]

*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the number of social housing units currently owned or managed by each local authority, and the most recent figures available for additions to the social housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15174/26]

*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the most up-to-date average cost of delivering a new-build social housing unit in each local authority, including any relevant factors affecting cost variations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15175/26]

*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the annual maintenance and upgrade expenditure on social housing by each local authority for the past three years, including the average annual maintenance cost per unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15176/26]

*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated total asset value of the existing social housing stock nationally; the methodology used to determine that valuation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15177/26]

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

*699. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will make a statement on the need for greater supports for young people in Ireland; and his/her plans to allocate additional, targeted funding for same. — Ivana Bacik. [13992/26]

*700. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14027/26]

*701. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for assistance related to a welfare application (details supplied). — Máire Devine. [14032/26]

*702. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the conditions and requirements which apply to a national of another EU member state who intends to move to Ireland; whether they are required to have secured employment within a certain period of time after arriving in Ireland; what their entitlement to social welfare supports are; and how a particular individual (details supplied) who is a national of an EU member state could have been present in the State continuously since 1997 but never have held any paid employment. — Carol Nolan. [14083/26]

*703. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of disability allowance in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to-date in 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [14087/26]

*704. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the eligibility criteria for disability allowance was last reformed; and when an additional illness or medical condition was last included for the purpose of broadening the qualifying criteria. — Ken O'Flynn. [14088/26]

*705. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has a clearly defined and published set of criteria for qualifying for disability allowance; and if so, if he will provide details of those criteria. — Ken O'Flynn. [14089/26]

*706. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from his Department's vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14108/26]

*707. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the current illness benefit rate, in light of concerns that the existing payment is extremely difficult to manage during periods of illness; if he will consider introducing a higher rate for individuals with long and continuous work histories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14356/26]

*708. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14398/26]

*709. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14416/26]

*710. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the means test for carer's allowance, in light of concerns that the current thresholds are excluding many full-time family carers who provide essential care in the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14573/26]

*711. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the income thresholds for disability allowance, with a view to ensuring that people with disabilities are not discouraged from taking up part-time or flexible employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14574/26]

*712. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the status of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14588/26]

*713. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason recipients, despite being required to provide at least 35 hours of care per week over five to seven days subject to DSP assessment, receive a payment that is significantly below the minimum wage for an equivalent number of hours (details supplied); if he will consider reviewing the hourly payment level of carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [14614/26]

*714. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the amount awarded in jobseekers benefit for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [14670/26]

*715. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to reduce food waste under the Hot Schools Meals Programme. — Malcolm Byrne. [14735/26]

*716. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he will review the eligibility criteria for the working family payment in respect of workers insured under PRSI Class S, including directors of small family run businesses who meet the income thresholds but are excluded due to the current treatment of working hours; whether he will examine extending eligibility in such cases in light of rising living costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14743/26]

*717. To ask the Minister for Social Protection he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide an update on the appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14775/26]

*718. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the status of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14803/26]

*719. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to urgently examine a carer's review for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [14804/26]

*720. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [14929/26]

*721. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a carers allowance application (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [14978/26]

*722. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the decision made in the case of a claim for a bereaved partners contributory pension can be re-examined in light of the exceptional circumstances of the person's case (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [15002/26]

*723. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received, awarded and approved for supplementary welfare allowance grants in relation to fuel poverty and assistance with payment of outstanding energy bills over the past five years, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [15010/26]

*724. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that are in receipt of the household benefits package, by county, over the past five years. — Aidan Farrelly. [15011/26]

*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the research his Department has carried out in respect of assessing the adequacy of social protection payments; the comparative research that has been carried out; the differential calculations used to determine that €325 is the minimum required for artists to survive on the basic income, as against claimants in receipt of the disability allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15132/26]

*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are changes to be introduced to the State pension contributory to allow persons on a reduced rate due to average calculation to seek a higher rate of pension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [15154/26]

*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare payment appeals being processed by his Department for the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [15170/26]

*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting time for a decision on a social welfare payment appeal; the measures being made by his Department to streamline and improve the appeal process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [15171/26]

*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [15172/26]

*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to returning emigrants who do not meet the criteria for habitual residence condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [15173/26]

*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide an update on the appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15190/26]

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

*732. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether capital or reform funding allocated to justice-sector digital modernisation projects includes performance, reporting, or data standardisation conditions; and if so, to provide details of those conditions. — Ken O'Flynn. [14600/26]

*733. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has undertaken any governance, reform, or value-for-money review of data interoperability and reporting standards across justice-sector bodies, including the Courts Service, An Garda Síochána and the Central Statistics Office, for the purpose of structured reporting on economically significant offences such as insurance fraud; and if so, to outline the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [14609/26]

*734. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review the visitor visa refusal of a person (details supplied) given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [14740/26]

*735. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the recent annual corruption perceptions index rankings by an organisation (details supplied); his views on their opinion that the flow of illicit ‘dark’ money through Dublin poses a threat “to social cohesion, as well as economic integrity and democratic resilience”; the action is he taking to mitigate this risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14802/26]

*736. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14024/26]

*737. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update regarding an application for naturalisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [14052/26]

*738. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the level of oversight his Department has over the operations of, and decisions made by the Director of Public Prosecutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14079/26]

*739. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to establish a formal review or inquiry into the recent prosecution of a number of Gardaí in the Limerick area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14081/26]

*740. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Proceeds of Crime and Related Matters Bill 2025 applications processed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14137/26]

*741. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the impact of the Greentown Programme extension on disrupting child criminal networks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14138/26]

*742. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of body-worn camera incidents reviewed by An Garda Síochána in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14139/26]

*743. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the Independent Examiner of Security Legislation’s review; if it includes recommendations for tougher border controls to prevent exploitation of Ireland’s asylum system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14140/26]

*744. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure on the Community Safety Fund in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14141/26]

*745. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of foreign nationals naturalised in 2024 who had prior criminal convictions abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14142/26]

*746. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of immigration permissions renewed online following the transfer of functions from An Garda Síochána to his Department; the safeguards in place to prevent abuse by individuals with criminal records or failed asylum claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14143/26]

*747. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of carriers fined under the increased penalty of €5,000 for failing to ensure proper travel documentation, as enacted in 2024 and 2025; and if he will provide data on enforcement actions taken to deter illegal migration routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14144/26]

*748. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions secured under the Criminal Justice (Engagement of Children in Criminal Activity) Act 2024 for grooming and recruiting children into crime; the average sentence imposed to ensure these measures are a genuine deterrent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14145/26]

*749. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following the increase of knife crime penalties to seven years on recorded incidents in 2024 and 2025, to provide the number of charges related to knife crime that have been prosecuted from 2021 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14146/26]

*750. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time for section 60 licences for school transport, by county. — Thomas Gould. [14153/26]

*751. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of section 60 licences issued in Cork in 2025, the number of applications made and the longest time from application to approval. — Thomas Gould. [14156/26]

*752. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a visa application (details supplied) has been received; the status of the application; when a decision will be reached in view of the urgency and circumstances of the applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14345/26]

*753. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether it is Departmental policy or practice that Ministers are not provided with the substance of correspondence that may constitute a protected disclosure; if so, the legal basis for such a policy; and whether, where correspondence is subsequently determined not to be a protected disclosure, the Minister is then provided with the content of that correspondence. — Ken O'Flynn. [14352/26]

*754. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration how the statutory suspending authority functions of a Minister are exercised in circumstances where correspondence raising serious allegations is not provided to the Minister on the basis that it may constitute a protected disclosure; and whether any guidance exists to ensure that the Minister's discretion is not unintentionally fettered in such situations. — Ken O'Flynn. [14353/26]

*755. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration what procedures and timelines apply to internal reviews of protected disclosure assessment decisions within the Department; whether there are target timeframes for completion; and how procedural fairness is ensured for reporting persons during such reviews. — Ken O'Flynn. [14354/26]

*756. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent on providing a tax free payment under the accommodation recognition payment for housing Ukrainians in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14375/26]

*757. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount that has been spent providing a tax free payment to house Ukrainians in 2025 under the Accommodation Recognition Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [14379/26]

*758. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14395/26]

*759. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14413/26]

*760. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide this Deputy with a copy of a document (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [14491/26]

*761. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the efforts being made to provide the necessary resources to address the gap between policy and practice identified in the Study on Familicide and Domestic and Family Violence Deaths, July 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [14531/26]

*762. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the most recent statistics on the number and rate of self-harm episodes recorded in Irish prisons, broken down by gender and prison estate. — Sorca Clarke. [14566/26]

*763. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the rate of self-harm among female prisoners compared to male prisoners in the most recent Irish Prison Service self-harm assessment data. — Sorca Clarke. [14567/26]

*764. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protocols that are in place for comprehensive screening of mental health and self-harm risk at committal, including ADHD and autism; and how continuity of care is ensured for those who repeatedly self-harm or are transferred or released. — Sorca Clarke. [14568/26]

*765. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of individuals engaged in repeated self-harm in the latest reporting period; and the specific support services (including psychological and counselling services) that are provided to support these prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [14569/26]

*766. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who applied for an extension to continue working after full service was completed in each of the past three years who were refused, by rank and division and by the reason they were refused, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14579/26]

*767. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in cases where an international protection applicant authorises their local TD to seek updates on an application on their behalf, the evidence of authorisation that is required in order to facilitate the request and ensure a reply is provided to the TD. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14589/26]

*768. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deportation orders currently unenforced, and the reasons; the length of time people typically remain after a final decision; the actions to decrease the number of appeals, while still protecting due process. — Niamh Smyth. [14591/26]

*769. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he has engaged at policy level with the Courts Service regarding the standardisation of offence classification and structured reporting of prosecutions and convictions for the purpose of criminal justice policy evaluation; and whether legislative amendment to the Courts Service Act 1998 is under consideration in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [14601/26]

*770. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the adequacy of data capture, offence classification, and structured reporting across the criminal justice system has been assessed within his Department; and if so, to outline any reform measures under consideration. — Ken O'Flynn. [14602/26]

*771. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he considers the current absence of centrally reportable conviction and sentencing data for offences under the Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004 compatible with evidence-based criminal justice policy development; and whether legislative or administrative reform is under consideration in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [14604/26]

*772. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who have retired or left the force in Dublin DMR west in 2025, broken down by station, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14617/26]

*773. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will simplify Garda vetting in order that once an individual is vetted their vetted status can be used by many organisations that require vetting, without the requirement for duplication of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14618/26]

*774. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if guidelines are in place in relation to the use of tasers on persons experiencing mental health crises, neurodivergent individuals, persons with intellectual disabilities, children and young people, older persons, and other vulnerable groups; if so, if he will publish such guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [14640/26]

*775. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people who have been prosecuted under the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2023, which came into effect on 1 November 2023, and is designed to significantly toughen penalties for assaulting on-duty emergency workers, explicitly including hospital staff, nurses and doctors. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14653/26]

*776. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 431 of 17 July 2025, to provide a detailed progress update on the Programme for Government commitment to introduce amendments to modernise the Prohibition of Incitement

to Racial Religious or National Hatred Act, 1989; if the Government is no longer including provisions on hate speech to bring Ireland in line with EU requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [14659/26]

*777. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the status of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14747/26]

*778. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of bicycles which were reported stolen in Dublin in each of the years 2023 to 2025; the number of prosecutions which were brought for bicycle theft in 2025; the number of stolen bicycles that were recovered, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [14821/26]

*779. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount of fees paid out annually by his Department to legal firms over the past four years and to date in 2026 on appeals made under the International Protection Appeals Tribunal; to list the legal firms that were paid out in fees in each such year, in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [14834/26]

*780. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the HAP25 Afghan Community Sponsorship Programme; whether the 50 places approved for Afghans in need of protection in 2026 have now been opened for applications; the reason for the delay; when the programme will formally open for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14838/26]

*781. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners currently in prison who have previously served time in prison. — Peadar Tóibín. [14846/26]

*782. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of children admitted to women's refuges in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026. — Peadar Tóibín. [14847/26]

*783. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons arrested, prosecuted, and convicted of human trafficking in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026. — Peadar Tóibín. [14848/26]

*784. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reports of human trafficking received by An Garda Síochána in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026. — Peadar Tóibín. [14849/26]

*785. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if they have undertaken to examine the rate of child trafficking in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14850/26]

*786. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department is aware of any instances of trafficking for organ harvesting in the State over the past decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14851/26]

*787. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda callouts to instances of domestic violence in each county in the State, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14852/26]

*788. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí who were assaulted while on duty in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14853/26]

*789. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount of cash and assets seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau in each of the past 12 years; and the total amount returned to the Exchequer by CAB in the same period. — Peadar Tóibín. [14854/26]

*790. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons arrested for fraud offences in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14855/26]

*791. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of drug finds in each prison for each of the past ten years; the estimated value of these drugs finds in each prison for each of the past ten years; the number of persons who have been convicted for these drugs finds in each prison for each of the past ten years; and the number of Irish Prison Service staff who have been convicted for these finds in each prison for each of the past five years.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14856/26]

*792. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of phones and illegal contraband which have been found in each prison for each of the past five years; the number of persons who have been convicted for these drugs finds in each prison for each of the past ten years; and the number of Irish Prison Service staff who have been convicted for these finds in each prison for each of the past ten years respectively. — Peadar Tóibín. [14857/26]

*793. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent on the accommodation of persons seeking international protection and refugees in each of the past fifteen years and to date in 2026. — Peadar Tóibín. [14858/26]

*794. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons reported missing in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026; and the number of whom are still missing. — Peadar Tóibín. [14859/26]

*795. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify whether the IPAS accommodation centre at a location (details supplied) is required to have on-site security under current IPAS contractual and operational standards; whether his Department is aware of reports that no security personnel are present at this location; the actions he will take to ensure compliance with required standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14882/26]

*796. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the performance of the provider operating the IPAS accommodation centre at a location (details supplied) has been formally reviewed in advance of the contract expiry in May 2026; whether any compliance issues, including security provision, have been identified; how such issues may influence the renewal decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14883/26]

*797. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the Department expects to make a decision on the renewal or termination of the IPAS accommodation contract at a location (details supplied), which expires in May 2026; whether community impact and local resident concerns will form part of that decision-making process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14884/26]

*798. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether community impact, local consultation, and resident feedback will form part of his Department's decision-making process regarding the renewal of the IPAS accommodation contract at a location (details supplied), which is due to expire in May 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14885/26]

*799. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Stardust recognition payment scheme will consider applications from survivors who were not beneficiaries of the original Stardust victims compensation scheme on account of having emigrated from Ireland or for other reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [14891/26]

*800. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prosecutions there have been under "Coco's Law" annually, since its introduction into Irish law in February 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14917/26]

*801. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the outcome of his consideration of business cases relating to the acquisition or use of a software programme (details supplied); the date on which such business cases were received and considered; the date on which decisions were made; the decisions made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15087/26]

*802. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the outcome of his consideration of business cases relating to the acquisition or use of programmes or services developed by certain companies (details supplied); the date on which such business cases were received and considered; the date on which decisions were made; the decisions made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15088/26]

*803. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he has implemented any policy or instruction to aegis bodies regarding the consideration of business cases relating to the acquisition or use of programmes or services developed by certain companies (details supplied); if he is aware of considerations by aegis bodies relating to such companies; the date on which such business cases were received and considered; the date on which decisions were made; the decisions made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15089/26]

*804. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí per head of population for each of the years 2014, 2019, 2024 and 2026 in County Clare, in a tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [15135/26]

*805. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí allocated to the Shannon Garda Station for each of the years 2014, 2019, 2024 and 2026, in a tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [15136/26]

*806. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason an application was rejected (details supplied); if consideration would be given to reviewing the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [15169/26]

*807. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 900 of 17 February 2026, if it would be feasible to open up this number to Irish citizens to call internationally in situations where the incident occurred within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [15189/26]

*808. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if reforms relating to the licensing of nightclubs, and any other provisions relevant to the night economy, are included in the Intoxicating Liquor Bill currently being drafted in his Department, and described in the current Government legislative programme as a ‘Condensed Bill to introduce certain key reforms from the Sale of Alcohol Bill 2022’; if not, the reason; when he expects to publish the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [15193/26]

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

*809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the Government has assessed the potential for industrial hemp to replace peat based products and industries in former bog regions, including its use in horticulture, low carbon construction and bio materials; whether he will consider developing a targeted pilot programme in peatland transition areas to support employment and climate action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14326/26]

*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has assessed the economic and job creation potential of an Irish industrial hemp sector; whether he considers there is a risk that Ireland may fall behind other European Union member states in developing this market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14328/26]

*811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there plans to increase horse seizure operations under the Control of Horses Act 1996; and the number of prosecutions have resulted from these activities. — Paul Donnelly. [14003/26]

*812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that are in place to ensure seized horses are protected and re-homed. — Paul Donnelly. [14004/26]

*813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is coordination between Gardaí, local councils and animal welfare organisations to address repeat offenders of (sulky) road racing. — Paul Donnelly. [14005/26]

*814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the regulations mandated by his Department in regard to pig and turkey farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [14008/26]

*815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average annual CAP payments received by farmers in each county in 2025; the breakdown of the total payments issued by his Department (including Direct Payments and Capital Payments such as TAMS) to farmers by county; and to indicate the average farmer payment (rounded to the nearest €500), in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [14011/26]

*816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14012/26]

*817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he will issue a fishery natura declaration for SAC areas designated for grey seals, including the Blaskets, in light of the

recent report from the Marine Institute on the impact of tangle nets on protected species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14051/26]

*818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14095/26]

*819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update regarding the opening of the Long Bank Mussel Seed Bed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [14297/26]

*820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of abolishing the parental levy on the school milk scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14311/26]

*821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to develop a national strategy for industrial hemp; whether he will support Irish farmers to diversify into hemp production for use in construction, textiles and other low carbon materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14327/26]

*822. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14383/26]

*823. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14401/26]

*824. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the ‘North Irish Sea Interim Razor Fishery Management Plan’ proposal, which was submitted by members of the fishing community in July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14472/26]

*825. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans his Department has to address the ongoing issue of urban horses and associated animal welfare and public safety concerns; whether a coordinated multi-agency approach involving local authorities, An Garda Síochána and relevant Departments is being progressed; and whether his Department intends to take the lead role in this work, or if responsibility will primarily rest with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [14572/26]

*826. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quantity, in tonnes, of beef or beef products imported into the State in each of the past ten years, by country of origin, in tabular form. — Paul Lawless. [14575/26]

*827. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine If he will address the serious animal welfare concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [14641/26]

*828. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with Coillte to ensure that its existing forest road network is used optimally by all forest owners, with a view to avoiding duplication, reducing resource wastage, and supporting best-practice forest management and timber mobilisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [14814/26]

*829. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has undertaken efforts to measure the average percentage increase in the cost of fertiliser in each of the past ten years; and if he will provide this data to this Deputy, setting the base year of 2015 as the 100% figure. — Paul Lawless. [14901/26]

*830. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers leaving the sector on an annual basis over the past ten years. — Paul Lawless. [14902/26]

*831. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of monitoring and inspections that has taken place of the large EU and UK registered pelagic freezer trawlers operating off the Irish coast during January and early February of 2026 targeting horse mackerel and other species; and the landings made by these vessels including bycatches of boarfish. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14841/26]

*832. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when Möscha swivel spout, an improved alternative to traditional splash plates as it has lower emissions, will be approved in terms of TAMS grants, as currently, small or medium-sized farmers cannot afford to buy large tankers which necessitate large tractors, which are unsuitable for hilly or wet ground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14911/26]

*833. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he intends to progress the Protection of the Native Irish Honey Bee Bill 2021 to the next legislative stage; if he will confirm whether his Department has concluded its internal review of the independent scientific assessment commissioned in 2023 and delivered to his Department in December 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [15044/26]

*834. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the independent scientific assessment on hybridisation and biosecurity threats to the native Irish honey bee, completed by a team of international experts and delivered to the Department in December 2024, has not yet been published; when this essential report will be released to the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [15045/26]

*835. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he accepts the scientific evidence showing that hybridisation in Irish honey bee populations has increased at an alarming rate, including a 300% rise in introgression over a six year period; the immediate actions his Department is taking to protect the genetic integrity of the native *Apis mellifera mellifera* ecotype; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [15046/26]

*836. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to prevent the importation of pests such as the *Tropilaelaps* mite (described by experts as potentially more destructive than *Varroa*) and other invasive species including the Small Hive Beetle and the Asian Hornet; if his Department will commit to mandatory physical inspection of all honey bee consignments entering the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [15047/26]

*837. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports his Department currently provides to Irish beekeeping organisations, namely NIHBS, FIBKA, IBA, UBKA, INIB, and the Irish Bee Foundation; whether his Department intends to strengthen these supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [15048/26]

*838. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Fund for Students with Disabilities will be expanded to include students who attend agricultural colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [15073/26]

*839. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Generational Renewal in Farming. — Emer Currie. [15127/26]

*840. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a breakdown of the number of farmers currently over the age of 64 and over the age of 66 in receipt of a BISS payment in 2025. — Martin Kenny. [15184/26]

*841. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Government's position in relation to national and regional partnership plans for delivering the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15185/26]

*842. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress in increasing the budget for the CAP post-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [15186/26]

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

*843. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will support the establishment of an independent Child Death Review mechanism; if she accepts that the absence of such a mechanism has contributed to the difficulties now faced by a person (details supplied). — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [14520/26]

*844. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the process for a person currently awaiting assessment of need once they turn 18. — Thomas Gould. [14961/26]

*845. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department formally reviewed the 2023 University College Dublin report on sexual exploitation risks for children in residential and emergency care; the status of its recommendations (including how many were accepted, implemented or remain outstanding); the policy or regulatory changes which have been made in response; whether national policy on absconding from care includes mandatory consideration of sexual exploitation risk; and the ministerial briefings or actions which have arisen since 2021 in relation to links between absconding and sexual exploitation. — Ken O'Flynn. [15730/26]

*846. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will clarify the position of parents in a situation (details supplied); and if the approach taken is consistent with Government policy. — Ivana Bacik. [13994/26]

*847. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2413 of 13 January 2026, if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if

she will address the concerns raised therein; if she will respond to the specific questions outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14000/26]

*848. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of buildings leased by her Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14013/26]

*849. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from vote allocations over the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14096/26]

*850. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to change policy in relation to pre-school provision on school campuses; the details in this regard, including the ways in which she will support pre-schools on school campuses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [14113/26]

*851. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a contract negotiated by TUSLA with a company (details supplied) for specialised accommodation and staffing in Wexford has not been concluded given that the process commenced in March 2025 and the CEO informed a Dail Committee that demand for such a facility had increased by 500%; if staff files submitted for review in November 2025 will be dealt with immediately; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14136/26]

*852. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to extend AIMS support to afterschool services, as currently children with additional needs receiving support in preschool and primary school are without needed support in afterschool care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [14148/26]

*853. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review correspondence (details supplied); the current status of the child's engagement with CDNT services, including access to psychology supports; the waiting time for an assessment; whether a case (details supplied) can be prioritised in light of the prolonged absence from school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14164/26]

*854. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any childminder pre-registration assessments have taken place where requirements were not met; and if so, the number out of the total number of assessments that have taken place. — Emer Currie. [14209/26]

*855. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childminder home visits by the Early Years Inspectorate as part of the registration process that have taken place since the 2024 regulations were introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14210/26]

*856. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childminders who have completed the pre-registration course through the county and city childcare committees. — Emer Currie. [14211/26]

*857. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childminders who have completed the children first course as part of the childminding registration process. — Emer Currie. [14212/26]

*858. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childminders who are now fully registered. — Emer Currie. [14213/26]

*859. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childminders who are part of the national childcare scheme, broken down by county. — Emer Currie. [14214/26]

*860. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the Steering Group overseeing the implementation of the Childminding Action Plan have met since the introduction of the regulations in September 2024; and when they will meet again. — Emer Currie. [14215/26]

*861. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's position regarding deposits paid to childcare facilities for places; if it is intended to regulate the practice given the widespread use; and given the difference in amounts charged the way in which refunds can be obtained in the case that the childcare place is not used by the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14255/26]

*862. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if it is correct for a childcare facility (details supplied) to charge €800 deposit; if this deposit can be recouped; if so, the way it can be recouped; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14256/26]

*863. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of all State agencies within her Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14384/26]

*864. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the State agencies within her Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14402/26]

*865. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she acknowledges that independence for adults with intellectual disabilities includes the right to live with dignity, choice, and proximity to friends and community, rather than solely focusing on individual tenancies dispersed across wide geographic areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14427/26]

*866. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department will support a pilot project (details supplied) which would allow adults with intellectual disabilities to live independently while accessing supports only as needed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14428/26]

*867. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which disability housing policy ensures continuity of friendships, routines, and social connections for adults with intellectual disabilities, particularly where families can no longer provide full-time advocacy or care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14429/26]

*868. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which her Department works with housing authorities to ensure that independent living does not result in isolation, loneliness, or loss of community for people with intellectual disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14430/26]

*869. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the assurances that can be given to families that their adult children with intellectual disabilities will continue to live with dignity, security, and appropriate supports when parents are no longer able to advocate on their behalf; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14431/26]

*870. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the data on the percentage and number of men that availed of additional paternity leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14432/26]

*871. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the data on the percentage and number of women who availed of additional maternity leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [14435/26]

*872. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has commenced a public consultation process on the development of an induction process as committed to as part of Nurturing Skills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [14483/26]

*873. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has commissioned research into good practice in effective induction processes as part of Nurturing Skills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [14484/26]

*874. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason her Department has yet to produce a midpoint of Nurturing Skills which was due in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [14485/26]

*875. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the midpoint review of Nurturing Skills which was due in 2025 is expected to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [14486/26]

*876. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the further implementation plan which is due to be developed as a result of the midpoint review of Nurturing Skills is to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [14487/26]

*877. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the person in her Department that will conduct the Garda vetting of people over sixteen years of age in childminders' homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [14488/26]

*878. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware that the majority of actions related to school-age care under Nurturing Skills have not been started; if she will provide an update on the progress of all school-age care actions within the strategy to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [14489/26]

*879. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken to move away from institutional and congregated models of care, including the ongoing placement of younger adults with intellectual disabilities in nursing homes, towards community-based housing models with flexible, onsite supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14533/26]

*880. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department or the HSE has examined whether current nursing homes support payment structures create a financial incentive for the admission of persons aged under 65 years to nursing homes, rather than to community-based alternatives; and if no such examination has been undertaken, whether she will commission this research; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14537/26]

*881. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures in place to reduce waiting lists for disability assessments in Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14538/26]

*882. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if respite services for families of children with disabilities in rural areas such as Offaly will be increased in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14539/26]

*883. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress on recruiting staff for children's disability network teams serving Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14540/26]

*884. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the efforts to recruit more foster carers in Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14541/26]

*885. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of Tusla staffing levels in the midlands for child welfare cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14542/26]

*886. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to detail the work undergone by her Department to investigate and prepare for the introduction of paid surrogacy leave for parents; when it is intended to introduce surrogacy leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [14571/26]

*887. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will develop a Traveller and Roma employment training and enterprise plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [14657/26]

*888. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has prepared a formal implementation plan, action tracker, or recommendation matrix in response to the 2023 University College Dublin report entitled "Protecting Against Predators: A Scoping Study on the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young People in Ireland"; if so, the date on which it was approved; whether it assigns responsibility, timelines, and measurable outputs; and if she will publish the document.. — Ken O'Flynn. [14717/26]

*889. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a numbered breakdown of each recommendation contained in the 2023 University College Dublin report on sexual exploitation risks in residential and emergency care; to state, in respect of each recommendation, whether it has been accepted in full, accepted in principle, rejected, or remains under consideration; the implementation status of each; and the reason any recommendation has not yet been implemented. — Ken O'Flynn. [14718/26]

*890. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether a formal cross-departmental or inter-agency oversight group was established to coordinate the State response to

the 2023 University College Dublin report; if so, the date of establishment, its chairing authority, the Departments and agencies represented, the number of meetings held to date, and whether minutes or progress reports are maintained by her Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [14719/26]

*891. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether compliance with any policy or procedural changes arising from the 2023 University College Dublin report is subject to formal monitoring or audit; whether such monitoring forms part of a centrally approved governance framework within her Department; and to outline the performance indicators or reporting mechanisms used to assess implementation. — Ken O’Flynn. [14720/26]

*892. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or Tusla maintains a data architecture capable of linking duration of time spent in State care with post-18 outcomes including housing stability, educational attainment, employment status and engagement with aftercare services; whether such linkage is currently operational; and if not, whether the absence of such linkage has been formally recorded as a governance or accountability gap. — Ken O’Flynn. [14721/26]

*893. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether a unique identifier or integrated administrative dataset exists that would permit longitudinal tracking of care leavers across Departments and agencies; if not, whether legislative or policy changes are under consideration to enable such integration; and the timeline for any such proposal. — Ken O’Flynn. [14722/26]

*894. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department intends to publish an annual outcomes dashboard for young people leaving State care, including cohort-based analysis by length of time spent in care; and if not, the reason such reporting is not currently provided. — Ken O’Flynn. [14723/26]

*895. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will act in relation to a recent High Court ruling (details supplied) and add Temple Hill and St. Joseph’s to the list of institutions under the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14768/26]

*896. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will extend an aftercare allowance for an additional year for a third level student in Kildare south (details supplied). — Mark Wall. [14844/26]

*897. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who have died while either in the care of Tusla, or while on the child protection notification system, in each year since the establishment of the Child and Family Agency, including cause of death, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14872/26]

*898. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of persons that were murdered or died under suspicious circumstances over the past ten years in the State that had previously engaged with Tusla or who Tusla had previously identified as at risk. — Peadar Tóibín. [14873/26]

*899. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether an assessment of need that commences when a person is 17, but has not concluded, can continue once they turn 18. — Thomas Gould. [14960/26]

*900. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason support services provided to foster carers by an organisation (details supplied) located in Fethard has been terminated by Tusla without any consultation with the stakeholders; if she will insist that the services be continued while all concerned are consulted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14964/26]

*901. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 1093 of 17 February 2026, if she will consider a public consultation plan regarding the Action Plan for the National Strategy to allow parents to share parental leave allocations between each other; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14983/26]

*902. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average percentage increase in pay for the lowest paid early years staff that is, those earning within the first quintile of the pay distribution between 2022 (pre-ERO) and 2025 (the most recent ERO), for each staff grade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14984/26]

*903. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the development of Phase 3 of the First 5 Strategy, particularly in relation to the proposed pilot Child and Family Centres; when clarity will be provided regarding potential funding mechanisms for projects that are shovel-ready such as (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [15006/26]

*904. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children availing of the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) in total; the number of children availing of universal NCS subsidy scheme; the number of children availing of the income-based NCS subsidy scheme; in 2024, 2025 and 2026 in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [15052/26]

*905. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount of current spending on the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) in total in 2024, 2025, and allocation for 2026; the amount of current spending on the universal NCS subsidy scheme in 2024, 2025, and allocation for 2026; the amount of current spending on the income-based NCS subsidy scheme in 2024, 2025, and allocation for 2026 in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [15053/26]

*906. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the additional spending that will be allocated in 2026 and the cost annually of the proposed increase of income thresholds regarding the income-based National Childcare Scheme (NCS) subsidy, as well as the estimated additional number of children that will be eligible for the income-based NCS subsidy under the newly proposed thresholds. — Claire Kerrane. [15054/26]

*907. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the proposed universal rate under the National Childcare Scheme which will be introduced in September 2026, implied by her announcement of reductions in the highest fees charged to parents across the country from September 2026. — Claire Kerrane. [15055/26]

*908. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the cost of increasing the estimated first-year, full-year and annual cost of increasing the current minimum rate of pay for early years educators by €0.50, €1, and €1.50; and the first-year, full-year and annual estimated cost to increase all other grades covered by the early years employment regulation order by the same amounts. — Claire Kerrane. [15056/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*909. To ask the Minister for Health if she, or her officials, have sought clarification from the HSE regarding its decision to submit to limit the scope of an inquest (details supplied), and requested an explanation as to how restricting the scope of the inquest serves the public interest; if such engagement has not yet taken place, when it will occur. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [14514/26]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health the specific steps she proposes to take to ensure that the concerns raised by persons (details supplied) are not only heard by those with the power to effect change, but that their lived experiences are meaningfully considered and translated into concrete action. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [14515/26]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health in engaging with the HSE regarding its decision to challenge the scope of an inquest (details supplied), to outline whether she will also seek clarification as to the role played by the State Claims Agency in that decision; whether she considers it appropriate for the State Claims Agency to have any involvement in submissions made within the coronial process, which is intended to serve the public interest through transparency, learning, and the prevention of future deaths. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [14516/26]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health if there are grounds to examine whether the HSE's actions in relation to the scope of an inquest (details supplied), as raised during Leader's Questions on 27 January 2026, could constitute undue interference contrary to the public interest; the basis for that view. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [14517/26]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of buildings leased by her Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14022/26]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapist posts, by grade, that have been filled at Connolly Street primary care centre, as of 11 February 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14036/26]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE occupational therapist posts, by grade, that have been filled at Killeshandra primary care centre, as of 11 February 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14037/26]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dentists, dental nurses and hygienist posts that were filled at Cavan-Virginia primary care centre, as of 11 February 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14038/26]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapist posts by grade that were filled at Carrickmacross primary care centre, as of 11 February 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14039/26]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health the number of geriatric consultants in Beaumont Hospital by funded WTE; vacant WTE posts; the number of individuals awaiting an appointment with a geriatric consultant in Beaumont; if Beaumont has requested additional geriatric consultant posts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14053/26]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health if there is currently a national waiting list in operation for adults requiring spinal fusion surgery; and if so, the current waiting times on this list. — Robert Troy. [14057/26]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons the current secretary general at her Department was paid their current salary during their tenure; and the reasons their successor will now be offered a much lower salary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14059/26]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive spinal fusion surgery. — Robert Troy. [14061/26]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide the shingles vaccine for free for the over 60s under the national immunisation schedule; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [14071/26]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health if plans for an offsite neurosurgery rehabilitation facility in the Munster and south Leinster regions will be progressed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14086/26]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from her Department’s vote allocations over the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14103/26]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health the body, organisation, department which is responsible for the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14115/26]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department will take to ensure that a person (details supplied) will face no more delays in their cancer treatment, and that such treatment will begin as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [14117/26]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances under which an ‘ambulance diversion’ may be put in place restricting the number of ambulances which can proceed to a specified hospital for a set amount of time; and to detail the number of times this procedure has been used at Bantry General Hospital in the past year, from February 2025 to February 2026, by month, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [14118/26]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who accessed urgent symptomatic breast disease clinics within the recommended 10 days, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14120/26]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of people who accessed urgent symptomatic breast disease clinics within the recommended 10 days, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14121/26]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who accessed urgent symptomatic breast disease clinics regardless of waiting time, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14122/26]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who accessed lung rapid access clinics within the recommended 10 days, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14123/26]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of people who accessed lung rapid access clinics within the recommended 10 days, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14124/26]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who accessed lung rapid access clinics regardless of waiting time, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14125/26]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health the reason HSE chiropody cards are currently only available to individuals living in Dublin and Kildare; if her Department plans to expand the availability of these cards countrywide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14126/26]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who accessed prostate rapid access clinics within the recommended ten days, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14127/26]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of persons who accessed prostate rapid access clinics within the recommended ten days, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14128/26]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who accessed prostate rapid access clinics regardless of waiting time, nationally and by hospital, in 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14129/26]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who were referred for an urgent colonoscopy, nationally and by hospital, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14130/26]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who accessed an urgent colonoscopy within the recommended 28 days, nationally and by hospital, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14131/26]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of persons referred for an urgent colonoscopy who accessed an urgent colonoscopy within the recommended 28 days, nationally and by hospital, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14132/26]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health the shortest, median and longest waiting time for accessing an urgent colonoscopy following referral, nationally and by hospital, in each of the years 2015 to 2025, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14133/26]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were waiting for diagnostic imaging in Q4 2025 by imaging type (e.g. CT, MRI, CT, VUS) nationally, and by hospital, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [14134/26]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government has examined the feasibility of introducing in Ireland a “generational smoking ban” (that is a permanent prohibition on the sale

of tobacco products to persons born on or after a specified year), similar to that proposed in the UK Tobacco and Vapes Bill 2024-2025; whether she considers such a measure will be legally and constitutionally permissible in Ireland having regard to EU law (including Directive 2014/40/EU on tobacco products and relevant internal market rules) and domestic law; the legal advice or analysis that has been undertaken or commissioned by her Department; the legislative changes which will be required to give effect to such a measure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14151/26]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health the measures currently in place across health services to support women who have experienced traumatic childbirth and who are presenting with post-natal mental health difficulties, including community-based specialist perinatal mental health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14158/26]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding, staffing and referral pathways allocated nationally for specialist post-traumatic birth mental health support, including psychological therapies, psychiatric assessment and specialised midwifery support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14159/26]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of plans to establish a dedicated mother and baby unit, an inpatient specialist unit where a mother can be treated for severe perinatal mental health illness together with her baby, including projected timelines for design, planning approval and opening; the sites under consideration, and any published clinical model of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [14160/26]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that a person (details supplied) has an urgent operation as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14162/26]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1038 of 20 January 2026, the total number of babies, from 2019-2025, who have been born alive after abortion procedures in cases where no major congenital anomaly was diagnosed; the gestation of the babies in these cases, broken down in categories (less than 16 weeks, 16-21 weeks, 22-27 weeks, 28-31 weeks, 32-36 weeks; 37 or more weeks; or similar categories); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14170/26]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the HSE rehabilitation services lists and costs, on an in-patient basis and, separately, in an outpatient basis (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14179/26]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will reimburse the full cost of the treatment abroad scheme in-lieu of The National Rehabilitation Hospital being unable to provide for outpatient rehabilitation services in a timely manner, where the service is one that the HSE provides in Ireland and the fee charged is below the €194 cap; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14180/26]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a breakdown of the sources of referrals to the National Rehabilitation Hospital including referrals from specific hospitals and units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14181/26]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health if all patients that receive treatment abroad under the treatment abroad scheme are eligible for care packages such as assigned carers and other supports

the same as those that received rehabilitation treatment through The National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14182/26]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for deep brain stimulation; the number of locations providing services; the equipment needs of the existing deep brain stimulation service to provide sufficient capacity to reduce waiting lists; the capacity which has been requested for this service in each of the past five years; the details of business cases submitted by the service; the number of staff working in this area, the number of filled unapproved posts, the number of unfilled approved posts; the number of posts needed for a full service, by wait times, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14184/26]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has examined the potential for developing a brain bank in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14185/26]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the capacity which exists for robot-assisted deep brain stimulation; whether additional capacity has been sought and considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14186/26]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health the model of care for early onset Parkinson’s disease; the manner in which care is provided proactively; the manner in which it is different to Parkinson’s; if she considers a new EOPD model of care to be necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14187/26]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health when she received the phase 1 nayagam review report; if she will publish it and if not, the reason; the reason she has not yet published it; whether she has sought legal advice on publishing it; if she will provide the reference code for relevant high court proceedings which relate to restrictions on the publication of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14188/26]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health the position of her Department and the HSE regarding purchase of residential properties on the private market that are being bid on by prospective buyers for use as a principal residence; the number of such properties in respect of which the HSE has placed a bid in each of the past five years and to-date in 2026; the number of properties, and addresses of same, purchased by the HSE in the same period, and whether they were residential properties or not, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [14194/26]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health the anticipated start date for the newly appointed neurologist (details supplied) to Bantry General Hospital. — Michael Collins. [14198/26]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount currently held by the HSE in patient private property accounts in respect of deceased or untraced former service users; the amount held for more than one year, five years and ten years respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14217/26]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of funds held in patient private property accounts in each of the past ten years; the amount identified as belonging to deceased service users in each year; and the amount repaid to estates in each of those years. — Ken O’Flynn. [14218/26]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory or regulatory basis under which the HSE holds and administers patient private property accounts; the legislative provisions governing unclaimed funds in such accounts; and whether any time limit applies before such funds are transferred or extinguished. — Ken O’Flynn. [14219/26]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health the policy framework governing the identification and tracing of next-of-kin or legal representatives where funds remain in patient private property accounts following the death of a service user; whether a national tracing protocol exists; and if she will outline same. — Ken O’Flynn. [14220/26]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health the oversight arrangements in place within her Department in respect of the governance of patient private property accounts; whether these accounts are subject to regular internal audit and Comptroller and Auditor General review; and the date of the most recent audit. — Ken O’Flynn. [14221/26]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health whether interest accrues on funds held in patient private property accounts; if so, the amount of interest that is treated; and whether interest forms part of the estate upon repayment. — Ken O’Flynn. [14222/26]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE publishes an annual statement detailing the value of funds held in patient private property accounts; and whether she will consider introducing a publicly accessible register of unclaimed funds to assist families in identifying entitlements. — Ken O’Flynn. [14223/26]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health the total approved bed capacity of the Central Mental Hospital; the current number of operational beds; the current occupancy level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [14247/26]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting admission to the Central Mental Hospital; the average waiting time for admission over the past 12 months; the longest current waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [14248/26]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the continued refusal to recognise the UK qualification in dental hygiene with oral therapy for professional practice in Ireland; the rationale for this position given the significant backlogs in dental services, particularly within school dental programmes, where the recognition of this qualification could help alleviate service pressures, support the public dental system, and enable Irish citizens trained abroad to return home to work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [14291/26]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14296/26]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the amount of money paid to each agency the HSE used in 2025 to hire agency staff across all public nursing homes; the total number of agency staff used in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [14298/26]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanisms which ensure that the Health Service Executive is informed promptly of prolonged or recurring wildfire or smouldering smoke incidents affecting residential communities; whether formal information-sharing protocols

exist between the HSE, the Environmental Protection Agency, local authorities and emergency services; whether any review was undertaken following the August 2025 wildfire in Ticknick Park/Cherrywood to assess public-health preparedness and inter-agency coordination; and the measures, if any, which have since been implemented to strengthen protection of vulnerable populations during similar future events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14372/26]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delays affecting a person (details supplied) in accessing vital occupational therapist support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14374/26]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all State agencies within her Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14393/26]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health the State agencies within her Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14411/26]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidents of seclusion, physical restraint and other restrictive interventions recorded in each child and adolescent mental health services inpatient unit in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; whether trauma-informed training is mandatory for all clinical and support staff in these units; if not, the reason it is not mandatory; the total funding allocated to trauma-informed education nationally over the same period; and whether she is satisfied that the current level of training and resourcing is sufficient to reduce coercive practices in CAMHS inpatient settings. — Ken O’Flynn. [14439/26]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health whether trauma-informed educational interventions such as those evaluated in a child and adolescent inpatient mental health unit are being rolled out nationally across CAMHS units; and if not, the plans that are in place to do so. — Ken O’Flynn. [14440/26]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds at the Central Mental Hospital in Portrane and other National Forensic Mental Health Service (NFMHS) facilities that remain unavailable due to staffing or operational delays, and the reasons why they are not yet operational; the average waiting time for transfer and the number of individuals who have waited over 12 months in inappropriate prison settings; the impact of the January 2026 suspension of “therapeutic bail” on the waiting list and on the timely access to hospital care for minor offenders; whether she is satisfied that current staffing, resourcing, and operational arrangements are sufficient to protect the safety and wellbeing of prisoners with acute mental health needs; and the concrete timeline for opening all remaining beds and fully addressing the backlog of transfers. — Ken O’Flynn. [14441/26]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health when home support will commence for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal deemed clinically fit for discharge home from a Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14445/26]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels at Linn Dara approved centre; the number of additional nurses, doctors, and multidisciplinary staff required to restore the centre to its registered capacity of 24 CAMHS beds; the recruitment campaigns currently active; and the timeline to achieve safe and fully staffed operation. — Sorca Clarke. [14457/26]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline and milestones for commissioning and opening the 20-bed CAMHS Inpatient Unit at the National Children's Hospital. — Sorca Clarke. [14458/26]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which safe, regulated inpatient CAMHS capacity will be maintained during 2026 as services transition from St. Vincent's adolescent inpatient unit to Linn Dara and the NCH unit; the contingency measures in place if staffing or commissioning timelines slip; and the way in which continuity will be monitored. — Sorca Clarke. [14459/26]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE can provide detailed, up-to-date data on the number of CAMHS inpatient beds available nationally; the number of beds currently operational versus registered capacity; referrals received and admissions granted for 2022–2025; and any unregulated or alternative placements made due to capacity constraints. — Sorca Clarke. [14460/26]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the evidence supporting claims that reduced inpatient activity reflects improved community CAMHS provision, including data on referrals, displaced activity into paediatric wards, emergency admissions, or situations where referrals are not made due to limited inpatient capacity. — Sorca Clarke. [14461/26]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health whether a fully resourced commissioning structure with named accountable leads exists for inpatient CAMHS services at Linn Dara and the NCH unit; the formal governance arrangements and reporting structures that are in place; and how operational and regulatory compliance will be assured during the opening and transition period. — Sorca Clarke. [14462/26]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health if the contact details of a person will be provided (details supplied). — Marie Sherlock. [14463/26]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has plans to provide additional palliative care beds in County Longford; if so, the number of beds planned; and the timeline for provision of at least five additional palliative care beds at Saint Joseph's Care Centre, Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [14474/26]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding allocated for palliative care provision in County Longford for 2026; whether funding is specifically earmarked for increasing capacity at Saint Joseph's Care Centre; and whether additional staff will be recruited to support new beds. — Sorca Clarke. [14475/26]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health the most recent assessment of demand for palliative care beds in Longford and Westmeath; how many patients are currently on waiting lists for palliative care in the area; and the measures being taken to ensure that patient needs are met promptly. — Sorca Clarke. [14476/26]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the national palliative care strategy is being implemented in County Longford; whether targets for bed provision and staffing levels are being met; and the plans to expand palliative care services in line with population needs. — Sorca Clarke. [14477/26]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of making the HPV vaccine available free regardless of age, gender, or student status. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14482/26]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health whether Trauma Informed Practice (TIP) training is currently mandatory for all staff in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) inpatient and outpatient units; the total number of CAMHS staff who have received TIP training nationally to date; the way TIP is embedded in HSE operational guidelines, care planning, and Mental Health Commission inspection frameworks; the number of senior TIP leads appointed in each Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) to oversee implementation and monitor outcomes; the evidence which exists that TIP has reduced the use of coercive interventions, such as restraint and seclusion; the national plan in place to ensure consistent implementation across all CAMHS services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14490/26]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the sale of a facility (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [14500/26]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health for an update into the review of usage of the old library building on St. Mary’s Road in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [14501/26]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health the number of buildings currently vacant owned by the HSE in Cork; the addresses of these buildings; and their current status, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [14502/26]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of cancellations of spinal surgery operations within Children’s Health Ireland in each hospital, for each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14506/26]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the clinical reasons given for cancellation of spinal surgeries within CHI, for each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14507/26]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancellations of spinal surgeries within CHI, that were in relation to surgeons who were or are currently under review or investigation. — Peadar Tóibín. [14508/26]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgeons who are under review or investigation within CHI; and the number of spinal surgery cancellations that can be attributed to surgeons or medics who were or are currently under review or investigation. — Peadar Tóibín. [14509/26]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the surgery cancellation rate for CHI; and the number of these cancellations which have been outsourced to Blackrock Private Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [14510/26]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health the reason patients with cystic fibrosis and type 1 diabetes are excluded from availing of insulin pumps free of charge through the HSE’s long-term illness scheme; the plans in place to extend the long-term illness scheme to include CF patients (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [14511/26]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health her views on measures aimed at improving mental health care and treatment, strengthening diagnosis, ensuring robust management of prescription

medication, providing for the inclusion and support of co-parents in line with the Finnish model, and reducing risks to children (details supplied); the reason she proceeded with the Mental Health Bill 2025 without engaging with or incorporating insights from lived experience; the way in which she propose to address the resulting gaps in safeguarding children of mental health patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [14530/26]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost to the State of funding nursing home care for persons aged under 65 years under the nursing homes support scheme (Fair Deal) in each of the years 2021 to 2025 inclusive and to date; the number of such residents in each year; and the average annual and weekly cost per resident, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14534/26]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the average weekly, and annual cost, per resident aged under 65 years in publicly operated nursing homes, and privately operated nursing homes, for each of the years 2021 to 2025 inclusive; and the variance in cost between each sector, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14535/26]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the average annual cost to the State of supporting a person aged under 65 years in a nursing home compared with a community-based residential placement, and living independently with funded personal assistance or home-care supports; whether a cost-benefit analysis has been conducted comparing these models of care; to publish any such analysis, or state when it will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14536/26]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health the age-related criteria and the clinical or medical circumstances under which a patient awaiting fertility treatment including IVF at the Coombe Hospital may be prioritised for an urgent appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [14550/26]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health if the current tender process for season 2026/2027 will not be delayed by her or cancelled; the reason she would not consider the creation of a "Pathfinder" programme, as developed for the temporary usage of monoclonal antibody in RSV for the past two seasons (details supplied). — Ken O'Flynn. [14554/26]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health if clarity will be provided regarding positions that were approved for primary care occupational therapy posts in Laois (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [14563/26]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a speech and language assessment for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [14587/26]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the current system for accessing CPAP machines for patients with sleep apnoea, in light of cases where families are paying €118 per month in rental fees in addition to monthly medication costs, with limited support available under the drugs payment scheme; if she will consider introducing a model similar to Northern Ireland where CPAP machines are provided free of charge through primary care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14610/26]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the financial burden placed on working families who do not qualify for a medical card but who face essential, lifelong medical costs such as CPAP rental and associated medication, particularly where the cost of supporting

children in third-level education further reduces disposable income (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [14611/26]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand access to ADHD assessment services for adults in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [14613/26]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health in inappropriate nursing home settings through the ‘Under 65 Programme’, by county, in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [14667/26]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who exited inappropriate nursing home settings through the ‘Under 65 Programme’, by county, in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [14668/26]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget allocated to the ‘Under 65 Programme’ to get people out of inappropriate nursing home settings in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [14669/26]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has sought or received any audit, validation, or data quality assurance reports concerning the accuracy of Patient Experience Time data used to record emergency department waiting times; the date of the most recent such review; whether error rates or data reliability concerns have been formally quantified; and if she will outline the governance framework in place to ensure the accuracy, validation, and publication standards of emergency department waiting time data at national and hospital level. — Ken O’Flynn. [14671/26]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered directing the Health Service Executive to publish disaggregated emergency department waiting time bands beyond 24 hours on a hospital-by-hospital basis; whether any policy decision has been taken not to publish such granular data; and the basis on which she satisfies herself that current reporting arrangements provide sufficient transparency regarding extended emergency department waits. — Ken O’Flynn. [14672/26]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has issued any central written policy, circular, internal guidance note, or governance framework applicable across all line units concerning the oversight, compliance, and safeguarding obligations of non-statutory bodies funded directly by her Department, excluding bodies funded through or overseen by the HSE; and if so, to provide the title, date of issue, and confirmation as to whether such guidance remains in force. — Ken O’Flynn. [14674/26]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health what formal mechanisms exist at Secretary General or Management Board level to ensure consistency of governance, reporting, and compliance standards across different departmental line units when administering direct funding to non-statutory bodies; whether such oversight arrangements are documented; and whether any consolidated compliance report is prepared at departmental level. — Ken O’Flynn. [14675/26]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory, contractual, or policy basis her Department requires non-statutory bodies that are not aegis bodies of the Department to operate in line with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies; whether any internal legal advice

was obtained regarding the applicability of that Code to such bodies; and whether any formal determination was made as to its legal status in this context. — Ken O’Flynn. [14676/26]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department conducts documented risk assessments prior to awarding direct funding to non-statutory bodies; whether a standardised risk assessment template is used; and whether such assessments are subject to review by the Department’s Internal Audit Unit. — Ken O’Flynn. [14677/26]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health in the absence of an internal audit or evaluation since 2020 of the adequacy of governance and oversight arrangements for non-statutory bodies funded directly by her Department, any review is now planned; and if so, to state the anticipated timeframe and scope. — Ken O’Flynn. [14678/26]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health the capital cost of the extension at Heather House, Cork University Hospital; the date construction was completed; the date on which the additional 19 high-dependency beds were certified as physically ready for use; and the planned date for operational opening. — Ken O’Flynn. [14685/26]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of funded beds at Heather House; the number currently operational; the number temporarily or permanently closed; and the reasons for any non-operational capacity. — Ken O’Flynn. [14686/26]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health whether recruitment approval has been granted for staffing of the 19-bed high-dependency unit at Heather House; the number of WTE posts required; the number filled; and the timeline for full staffing. — Ken O’Flynn. [14687/26]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health when HIQA registration was sought for the new high-dependency unit at Heather House; whether any conditions or compliance issues were raised; and the expected date of regulatory approval. — Ken O’Flynn. [14688/26]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the care of Children’s Health Ireland who were assessed for, offered and received spinal treatment abroad in 2024 and in 2025. — David Cullinane. [14696/26]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE’s activity-based funding, diagnosis related group (DRG) systems, or other service-line costing methodologies allow for the estimation of aggregate expenditure on pain-medicine outpatient services and interventional pain procedures at national or regional level; whether such aggregate estimates have been compiled in the past five years; and if she will publish any such analyses. — Ken O’Flynn. [14709/26]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed whether the absence of programme-level expenditure analysis for high-prevalence chronic conditions, including chronic pain, is consistent with public financial management standards and performance-based budgeting principles; whether any review of this matter has been undertaken since 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14710/26]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted any formal review, risk assessment, or governance oversight exercise since 1 January 2024 specifically concerning systemic governance, patient-safety risk indicators, or organisational controls at Children’s Health Ireland; if so, to state the date of each such review, the division of her Department responsible, and whether a written record was produced. — Ken O’Flynn. [14725/26]

- *1031. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has not conducted any formal review of governance or patient-safety risk indicators at Children's Health Ireland since 1 January 2024, to state the reason no such review has been undertaken at Departmental level. — Ken O'Flynn. [14726/26]
- *1032. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department maintains a centralised internal register, inventory, or tracking mechanism recording reviews, audits, investigations, or independent reports concerning Children's Health Ireland; if so, to state when it was last updated; and if not, to confirm that no such centralised register exists within her Department. — Ken O'Flynn. [14727/26]
- *1033. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department relies exclusively on HSE-established structures, including the CHI Improvement Steering Group, for oversight of governance and patient-safety risks at Children's Health Ireland; and to outline the formal reporting arrangements between that Group and her Department. — Ken O'Flynn. [14728/26]
- *1034. To ask the Minister for Health to advise if there is a full roster of advanced paramedics at Roscommon; given this was the reason she gave as to why the Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) was not on the road 24/7, when the RRV will be back on a 24/7 basis; if staffing of the roster was indeed the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14782/26]
- *1035. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding provided for tobacco cessation services from 2015 to 2025, and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14793/26]
- *1036. To ask the Minister for Health the funding which has been provided to establish the vaping and nicotine use prevention campaign; if annual funding will be made available to it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14794/26]
- *1037. To ask the Minister for Health the plans her Department has to establish a stop vaping service, modelled on the successful QUITLINE service, to support individuals quit e-cigarettes and other novel nicotine products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14795/26]
- *1038. To ask the Minister for Health the work which is being undertaken by her Department to improve outcomes for people diagnosed with brain cancer; if her Department is increasing funding for brain cancer research and clinical trials in Ireland, improving access to specialist neuro-oncology services, reducing waiting times for diagnosis and treatment and providing stronger supports for patients and families, including follow-up care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14837/26]
- *1039. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CervicalCheck smear test samples sent to foreign laboratories for testing in each of the past five years and to date in 2026; to provide the figure as a percentage, in each year, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14861/26]
- *1040. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who contacted the HSE's drug and alcohol helpline in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14862/26]
- *1041. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid out in compensation by the HSE in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026. — Peadar Tóibín. [14863/26]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid by the HSE to debt collector companies in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [14864/26]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health the current number and waiting times for each radiation oncology unit, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14865/26]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new patients who started anti-cancer therapy in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14866/26]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed treatments or appointments for cancer treatment since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [14867/26]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Health the budget for medical compensation in each of the years from 2016 to 2026. — Peadar Tóibín. [14868/26]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE paid out in compensation for medical negligence in each of the years 2016 to 2025, and to-date in 2026. — Peadar Tóibín. [14869/26]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to any increase or perceived increase in the number of persons since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic diagnosed with stage four cancer; if she will provide any data or statistics held by her Department which detail annual trends in cancer diagnosis over the past decade; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14870/26]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Health in regard to North Kerry CAMHS, the number of the 374 cases recorded as active on the CAMHS database on November 2022, which were examined as part of the review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14886/26]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the proposed new Community Hospital for Lifford, County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [14903/26]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of referrals made to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in 2023 to 2025 and to-date in 2025, nationally and by CHO area; the number and percentage of those referrals that were not accepted for service, nationally and by CHO area; whether suicidal ideation and/or self-harm risk are recorded as coded data fields within CAMHS referral systems; if so, the number of referrals not accepted where suicidal ideation and/or self-harm risk was indicated; if not, the way in which the HSE monitors safeguarding risks associated with referrals not accepted for service; whether a face to face or direct clinical assessment of the child is undertaken prior to a decision not to accept a referral; the written clinical governance and risk escalation protocols that apply when a referral is not accepted; and the alternative care pathway formally communicated to families and referring GPs in such cases. — Ken O'Flynn. [14904/26]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting CAMHS assessment; the number waiting over three months, six months, and 12 months; whether the HSE records adverse incidents, emergency department presentations, or suicide attempts involving children while awaiting CAMHS; whether children on waiting lists are subject to periodic clinical

review; and the safeguarding protocols in place for children categorised as routine referrals. — Ken O’Flynn. [14905/26]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Health the State funded or HSE-funded training programmes which are currently available to general practitioners in the assessment and management of suicidal ideation and self-harm in children and adolescents; whether her Department or the HSE maintains data on GP participation in such training; the number of general practitioners who have completed suicide prevention training, including organisations (details supplied) or equivalent programmes in the past five years; whether the adequacy of GP training supports in managing child and adolescent suicidal presentations has been formally reviewed in view of pressures on CAMHS; and whether consideration is being given to the establishment of a formal specialist CAMHS consultation or advice line to support GPs managing high-risk youth presentations. — Ken O’Flynn. [14906/26]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS referrals involving children with autism spectrum disorder in 2023 to 2025 and to-date in 2026; the acceptance and rejection rates of such referrals; the policy governing the allocation of mental health versus disability services for children with dual diagnoses; and whether a shared care protocol exists between CAMHS and disability services. — Ken O’Flynn. [14907/26]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved CAMHS posts versus filled posts by discipline; the vacancy rates; the number of teams operating below recommended staffing levels; the number of complaints received by the HSE regarding CAMHS in the past three years; whether an independent audit of referral rejection practices has been conducted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14908/26]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health given that the Model 3 Clinical Care Plan for Letterkenny University Hospital identifies serious risks relating to staffing, funding and infrastructure, and warns of a potential crisis in service delivery, if she will outline the reason this report has not yet been published; who is responsible for approving it; whether the Health Area REO’s sign-off is required for its release; when the report will be published in full and made public; and the immediate actions that will be taken to implement its key recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat the Cope Gallagher. [14913/26]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health the current guidelines for children who suffer from PANS/PANDAS; the measures her Department is taking to develop these guidelines further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [14926/26]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health the measures her Department is taking to reduce financial hardship for healthcare workers who had to leave work due to contracting Covid, and subsequently Long Covid, in view of the fact that the special scheme has come to an end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [14928/26]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation of theatre time by speciality, together with details of the utilisation of that allocated time for University Hospital Limerick; if every allocated hour of theatre time is being fully utilised by each speciality; if any recorded periods during which allocated theatre time was not used, including the duration and reason where available, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14932/26]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2610 of 8 September 2025, the reason none of the urgent recommendations of the private psychiatry needs assessment a person (details supplied) was asked to supply by the HSE has not been implemented

yet; if she will recognise the urgency of the situation, take steps to resolve it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [14933/26]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions No. 2610 of 8 September 2025, the reason four safeguarding reports have yet to be acted upon relating to a person (details supplied) who is in need of access to social work and OT; and if her Department will take urgent steps to correct this in light of the seriousness of the concerns raised in the reports and the time this person has been awaiting support.. — Ruth Coppinger. [14934/26]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet with a person (details supplied) who has been awaiting support for access to mental health services, occupational therapy and social work to resolve and help progress the situation. — Ruth Coppinger. [14935/26]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health if there is currently an assessment of needs officer in place in County Galway. — Martin Daly. [14936/26]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health if there is currently an assessment of needs officer in place in County Roscommon. — Martin Daly. [14937/26]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the upcoming national obesity strategy and the cardiovascular strategy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14940/26]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether her Department is considering expanding funding for Level 2 obesity services under the HSE's obesity model of care; if this will be considered in the upcoming National Obesity Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14941/26]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health if she will fully implement the recommendations of the National Clinical Trials Oversight Group that by early 2026, her Department will establish a clinical trials advisory council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14942/26]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health if she has any updates on incentives to expand and improve access to GP care in rapidly developing towns, such as Skerries; if she has any plans to reassess the existing cap on GMS or GP visit cards in light of recent population growth not meeting the demand for GP care; if she is aware of any existing or future mitigation measures for recipients of GMS or GP Visit Cards who have difficulty accessing care due to the financial barriers and the existing patient caps around GMS or GP Visit Cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [14959/26]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health there is a model of care for allergies; if one will be developed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14965/26]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health the allocation of theatre time by speciality, together with details of the utilisation of that allocated time for University Hospital Galway; if every allocated hour of theatre time is being fully utilised by each speciality; the recorded periods during which allocated theatre time was not used; the duration and reason where available, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [14969/26]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the steps to ensure that an organisation (details supplied) continues to be supported into the future, given its role in delivering oral health prevention programmes for vulnerable groups across Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14989/26]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health if she recognises the importance of the oral health prevention programmes delivered by an organisation (details supplied) in DEIS primary schools, work with the traveller community and with Men's Sheds; and if she will outline whether additional funding or resources will be made available to enable the foundation to expand its work with children in DEIS schools, and other vulnerable groups particularly in areas of high need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [14990/26]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in Rowlagh health centre; the number of vacancies; the areas they cover; the areas that are without a public health nurse service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14991/26]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently expedite an appointment for surgery for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14993/26]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health if other HSE Inclusion Health Clinics have been opened (details supplied); if so, the locations; if there are plans to establish further HSE Inclusion Health Clinics; if so, the proposed locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [14999/26]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health if screening for spinal muscular atrophy will be included in the national newborn bloodspot screening programme before the end of March 2026, as cited by a leading paediatric clinician in recent media coverage (details supplied); the preparations currently underway to ensure this timeline is met, given that more than two years has elapsed since the decision was taken to include SMA in the heelprick test; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15000/26]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health whether there are notable regional variations in approval rates for a primary medical certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [15014/26]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health the approximate percentage in recent years of applicants for a primary medical certificate suffering with Parkinson's Disease (details supplied), which have been granted at initial stage or on appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [15015/26]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the funding application for the Cork city homeless hub (details supplied); the reason for the delay in a decision; the timeline for funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15016/26]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health if it can be ensured that occupational, or older persons, services in CHO8 supply a suitable wheelchair to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15018/26]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to reduce waiting times for dermatology outpatient appointments; the number of patients that are seen on average at

outpatient clinics per week; if dermatology treatment is eligible for coverage under the NTPF; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15035/26]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health the reason access to the interpretation service for GPs has been cut and to set out the size of the funding reduction for each IHA. — Marie Sherlock. [15057/26]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify how the cuts to the interpretation service are consistent with the HSE good practise guidelines entitled on speaking terms. — Marie Sherlock. [15058/26]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet with a campaign group following publication of their survey and findings in relation to the future of healthcare services in the Mid West and the recommendations published by HIQA in September 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15082/26]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1072 of 9 December 2025, to provide an update on her consideration of option C from HIQA's review urgent and emergency care in the Mid West; the timeline she is working towards in outlining her position with respect to developing an additional Model 3 hospital in the Midwest region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15083/26]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend by each public hospital on private ambulances and taxis respectively, in each of the years from 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pádraig Rice. [15084/26]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for home support in each month of 2025, by RHA and IHA, by whether the person is waiting for a new package or additional hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15085/26]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours of home support delivered in each month of 2025, by RHA and IHA, by direct vs non direct delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15086/26]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health to provide further detail on the funding allocated towards developing standardised national tumour specific clinical pathways to optimise early access, diagnosis, staging and treatment for breast, liver, pancreas, prostate, and skin as outlined in the 2026 HSE Service Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15090/26]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which both the liver and pancreas dedicated pathways will be up and running in each of the regions across Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15091/26]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health the work done to date to consider further reductions in the drugs payment scheme as per the Programme for Government 2025 commitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15092/26]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Health the work done to date to progress the 2025 Programme for Government commitment to increase medical card income limits; the timelines on such; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15093/26]

- *1093. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made towards implementing the model of care for psycho-oncology for patients up to 24 years-of-age as per the Programme for Government 2025 commitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15094/26]
- *1094. To ask the Minister for Health the planned activities for the children, adolescent, and young adult cancer survivorship pathway in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15095/26]
- *1095. To ask the Minister for Health the projected number of children, adolescent and young adults who will access psycho-oncology services by the end of 2026. — Pádraig Rice. [15096/26]
- *1096. To ask the Minister for Health the progress the Government is making in expanding the acute haematology oncology nursing service as per the Programme for Government 2025 commitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15097/26]
- *1097. To ask the Minister for Health the dedicated nursing acute haematology oncology service for patients on active treatment, reducing emergency department attendance and inpatient admissions as outlined in the 2026 HSE Service Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15098/26]
- *1098. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to increase the number of clinical trials as per the Programme for Government 2025 commitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15099/26]
- *1099. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants that have signed up to the POCC across each speciality and the numbers that have not signed up across each speciality. — Marie Sherlock. [15102/26]
- *1100. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds at each of the UL Hospital Group hospitals, from 2011 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [15103/26]
- *1101. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have waited over twenty-four hours to be treated following presentation at the emergency department of the University Hospital Limerick, from 2011 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [15104/26]
- *1102. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds in St. James Hospital, University Hospital Limerick, the Mater Hospital and St. Vincent's University Hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [15105/26]
- *1103. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1141 of 10 February 2026, when she anticipates that a chairperson and requisite board members will be in place. — Ivana Bacik. [15133/26]
- *1104. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the supports that are in place for parents of children who had their scoliosis operations delayed and who are now declined for surgery in this State, to enable them to get an independent assessment from outside the State, in particular the parents of a child (details supplied) who wish to secure an assessment from The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (RNOH) Stanmore or the Royal London Hospital; to outline the steps to

be taken in securing an assessment and the financial assistance available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15134/26]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol and procedure that HSE staff and in particular those within hospitals and psychiatric units follow when a patient discloses a rape; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [15149/26]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Health the ambulance response times for each ambulance base for clinical status 1 ECHO and clinical status 1 DELTA; by end of 2023, 2024, 2025; in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [15150/26]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances per ambulance base; the number of ambulances in use per ambulance base; the average age of those ambulances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [15151/26]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded posts per each ambulance base; the number of vacancies per ambulance base; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [15152/26]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently examine and allow for a continuous glucose monitors on the long term illness scheme for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [15157/26]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the progress made in terms of the expansion of the national newborn bloodspot screening programme (NNBSP), in particular the addition of severe combined immunodeficiency and spinal muscular atrophy to the NNBSP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [15167/26]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1228 of 10 February 2026, if the Mental Health Commission will provide details, not available in its annual Restrictive Practices activity report, relating to the duration of restraint and the rationale for such around instances of “enduring mechanical restraint” in mental health settings under its regulatory remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [15168/26]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital initiated cancellations in January 2026, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [15188/26]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a successor to the national maternity strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [15192/26]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Health to outline in detail the additional capacity to be provided in the new elective hospital for Galway (details supplied); if this will be a standalone facility; the timeline for delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15195/26]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Health to outline in detail the additional capacity to be provided in the new elective hospital for Cork (details supplied); if this will be a standalone facility; the timeline for delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15196/26]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Health to outline in detail the additional capacity to be provided in the two new elective hospitals for Dublin (details supplied); if these will be standalone

facilities; the timeline for delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [15197/26]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Health if the role of directors of psychology will be developed in all health regions; if their reporting relationship is to the director of health and social care professions or the regional executive officer; if the title of this role is director of psychology or regional director of psychology and if they are proposed to be part of the regional directorate of health regions along with regional clinical director, the regional director of finance and similar management roles. — Liam Quaide. [15203/26]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to develop directors of disciplines such as occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy which are experiencing crises in waiting-lists, in addition to psychology, within primary care services. — Liam Quaide. [15204/26]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on recruitment to the role of director of health and social care professions across each health region. — Liam Quaide. [15205/26]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Health if the remit of directors of nursing extends to both adult mental health services and child and adolescent mental health services in each health region; to identify health regions where the remit is different; and the rationale for this. — Liam Quaide. [15206/26]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Health if the clinicians implicated in over-prescribing practices in the North Kerry CAMHS have worked in other services outside of this catchment and whether cases they may have been involved in outside North Kerry will also now be subject to review. — Liam Quaide. [15207/26]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Health if the clinicians implicated in over-prescribing practices in North Kerry CAMHS continue to work in the Irish health service. — Liam Quaide. [15208/26]

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

*1123. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14021/26]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to confirm the differing roles between the LTI coordinator and CTC manager; and if the CTC manager does the work of a tutor, alongside their roles. — Paul Murphy. [14069/26]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if CTCs are direct employees of his Department, or whether they report to their independent boards of directors; and whether CTC pay conditions rest with the CTC boards. — Paul Murphy. [14070/26]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an exhaustive list of flood related compensation, paid from his Department's

vote allocations over the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14102/26]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14392/26]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14410/26]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for IADT as the only remaining Institute of Technology to remain following the announcement of the partnership between Dundalk Institute of Technology and Queen's University Belfast, with the intention of the former eventually becoming a university college of the latter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14576/26]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if plans for IADT to achieve university designation will be through the Technological Universities Act 2018, or an amendment to that act, thereby preserving the alignment with other Technological Universities in terms of contracts and terms and conditions of both existing and future academic staff. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14577/26]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether a guarantee will be provided that academic staff and their representative trade union (details supplied) will be consulted at all stages and on all plans relating to IADT achieving university designation; and whether he will additionally guarantee that the May 2017 collective bargaining agreement will be respected and upheld (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14578/26]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [14586/26]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of pre-apprenticeship training courses currently running, per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [14654/26]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration has been given to expanding the number of access to apprenticeship courses from the three currently operating nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [14655/26]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered special mechanisms to support places for members of the Traveller community on access to apprenticeship courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [14656/26]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in respect of the “Build Back Home” advertising campaign in 2024 and 2025: to state the procurement route used for each element of the campaign, including creative development, production, media planning and media buying; to confirm whether an Office of Government Procurement framework agreement was used; and if so, to identify the relevant framework reference; to provide the name of each supplier appointed, the contract start and end dates, the contract value awarded to each; to provide the eTenders reference number and contract award notice details for each contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14705/26]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide, in euro terms, the total media expenditure per channel for the “Build Back Home” campaign in 2024 and 2025 respectively, including digital audio, social media, outdoor, digital display and video; to reconcile the percentage breakdown provided in his previous reply for 2025, where the channel split exceeds 100%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14706/26]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether a post-campaign evaluation, value-for-money assessment, cost-benefit analysis, or internal review was completed in respect of the “Build Back Home” advertising campaign in 2024 and 2025; if so, to provide the date completed, the author, the methodology used, and the principal findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14707/26]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to set out the evidential basis and methodology used by his Department to describe the “Build Back Home” campaign as having had a contributory effect on increases in the construction workforce, the specific CSO series and tables relied upon; the definitions used by the Department for “All Construction Workforce” and “Housing Construction Workforce”; whether any modelling, attribution analysis, or counterfactual assessment was conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [14708/26]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that have been taken to ensure the proposed €60 million investment in a supercomputer will provide researchers with access to the latest computing technologies compared to cloud-based services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [15036/26]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Fund for Students with Disabilities will be expanded to include students who attend agricultural colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [15072/26]

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

*1142. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount each local authority is receiving in local improvement scheme funding, by county; the kilometres being covered under this funding; and the number of applications that have been received by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14938/26]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total number of buildings leased by his Department, or bodies or agencies under its aegis, during 2025; the total cumulative sum paid under these leases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [14026/26]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of all State agencies within his Department that allocate programme and project funding to section 39, section 56 and section 10 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14397/26]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the State agencies within his Department that have made provision for the pension auto enrolment payment as part of their allocation to funded organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [14415/26]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to outline the process by which nine organisations were added to a wait list following the 2023 open call for the Community Services Programme; the way these organisations were selected; what their inclusion on the wait list means for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14443/26]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will outline any process by which applicants to the 2023 Community Services Programme who were not successful can receive feedback on their applications from his Department; whether they are able to apply for the 2026 round of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14444/26]

*1148. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén uair a bheidh an Clár Seirbhísí Pobail (Community Services Programme) oscailte arís le haghaidh iarratas, cén uair a bheidh foirmeacha iarratais agus sonraí an Chláir nua ar fáil; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — John Connolly. [14992/26]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of all clubs and groups awarded a payment through the community recognition fund since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14994/26]