



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

1. 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]

2. 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]

3. 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]

4. 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]

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15023/26]

17. 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. — Catherine Ardagh. [16741/26]

18. 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. — Conor D. McGuinness. [16762/26]

19. 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. — Barry Heneghan. [16763/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Paul Murphy. [14451/26]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Liam Quaide. [16304/26]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on implementation of the wellbeing framework published by his Department. — Barry Heneghan. [16764/26]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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. — Liam Quaide. [16305/26]

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

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

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

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department’s Statement of Strategy for 2025-2028. — Albert Dolan. [16742/26]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Department's Statement of Strategy for 2025-2028. — Ryan O'Meara. [16743/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice, Migration and Social Affairs will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [16841/26]

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

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

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

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

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

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress his Department is making in tackling child poverty. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16475/26]

62. 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]

63. To ask the Taoiseach for an overview of the ‘Budget 2026: Spotlight on Disability’ report recently published by his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16476/26]

64. 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]

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

66. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16477/26]

67. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [16730/26]

68. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Malcolm Byrne. [16731/26]

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Tony McCormack. [16732/26]

70. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Shay Brennan. [16733/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

81. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [16478/26]

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

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

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

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

86. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [16479/26]

87. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Mark Ward. [16813/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

103. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Mark Ward. [16812/26]

104. 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]

105. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department. — Brendan Smith. [14895/26]

106. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department. — Cormac Devlin. [14896/26]

107. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department. — Cathal Crowe. [14897/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

114. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [15024/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

121. 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]

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

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

124. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the revised National Digital and AI Strategy. — Malcolm Byrne. [16306/26]

125. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the revised National Digital and AI Strategy. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [16307/26]

126. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the revised National Digital and AI Strategy. — James O'Connor. [16308/26]

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

128. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [16734/26]

129. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16739/26]

130. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Tony McCormack. [16740/26]

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

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

131. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the proposal to introduce a social media ban for under 16s has been abandoned; and if so, the reasons. — Joanna Byrne. [16790/26]

132. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the immediate measures he is taking to monitor, prevent, and address discriminatory online harassment and alarming levels of online abuse directed at national sports representatives, particularly targeting those from ethnic minority backgrounds; the way in which he will ensure that perpetrators are held accountable to protect the dignity and safety of athletes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17066/26]

133. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of the status of the delivery for use of the new ICT system to replace the existing Sports Capital Programme grant management systems (OSCAR); the total spend on the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [16791/26]

134. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps his Department is taking to update the codes of practice for live events, particularly live music events, to better facilitate live music performance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [17202/26]

135. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt an bhfuil sé i gceist aige ciste caipitil ealaíon a bhunú ar mhúnla an chiste caipitil spóirt chun freastal ar riachtanais spáis d'ealaíontóirí agus taispeántais, agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17092/26]

136. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to set out all funding provided by his Department or by Sport Ireland to a centre (details supplied) over the past five years; the amount provided each year; the purpose of the funding; any conditions attached,

including requirements around community access or participation; whether those conditions have been reviewed for compliance, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17225/26]

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

137. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider establishing and funding a dedicated Irish town of culture programme to support local creative initiatives and community-based cultural development in Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [16277/26]

138. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps he will take to protect Dublin's nighttime culture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16811/26]

139. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether any specific funding is available for capital projects for women's sports where the organisation does not currently own a playing pitch. — Thomas Gould. [16724/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund is likely to open for applications. — Séamus McGrath. [16500/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the community sport facilities fund will be open; if he will consider allowing clubs use this fund to buy land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16263/26]

142. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on his efforts to support the League of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16822/26]

143. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the establishment of the academy system within the FAI that funding was allocated to in Budget 2026. — Erin McGreehan. [16779/26]

144. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on Sport Ireland's research in the area of adult safeguarding; when this research will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16777/26]

145. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the possibility of derogation from the World Athletics' 1934 Political Boundary rule that prohibits athletes from the North of Ireland from representing Ireland at European and world athletics competitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16819/26]

146. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he welcomes the upcoming matches between the Irish football team and the Israel national football team, in light

of Israel's commission of the crime of genocide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [16814/26]

147. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he is aware of issues with the lack of a national governing body for darts; and the actions he has taken to resolve this. — Thomas Gould. [16725/26]

148. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has considered establishing a support or grant mechanism to assist community organisations and voluntary groups with the cost of relocating telecommunications or broadband infrastructure, including poles and overhead lines, where such infrastructure is preventing community or publicly funded development projects from proceeding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [16801/26]

149. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has received any applications or requests to any section of his Department, or State body under his aegis, for funding or financial collaboration from private investors with regard to an ice hockey arena in Cherrywood, County Dublin; if so, to provide full details, including amount of public funds being sought; whether the Government or State bodies are considering, or have agreed to any request; whether there has been any public/stakeholder consultation on any such proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9118/26]

150. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the Community Sports Facilities Fund will open; the criteria that will be used to assess applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [16793/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total value of grants awarded under the Community Sport Facilities Fund to clubs in County Meath in 2024 and 2025; if his Department has identified specific “under-invested” regions for the 2026 funding round; the steps being taken to ensure that grassroots rural clubs are not disadvantaged by complex application processes compared to larger urban entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [16842/26]

152. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of the proper legal basis that the digital wallet has for mandatory use by citizens to access online platforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [16806/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the outstanding An Post and Eir pension payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [16818/26]

154. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being taken to increase the provision of public swimming pools, particularly in areas currently without adequate facilities; and if he will outline any capital funding streams available for such projects. — Tony McCormack. [16795/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if specific funding can be provided to NGBs towards coaching costs (details supplied), to assist in providing sporting opportunities and pathways leading from local sport to national and international competition for their members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [16778/26]

156. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures his Department are taking to support local and community radio stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [16789/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the Sports Capital and Equipment Fund will open for applications in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [16745/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the efforts undertaken since Storm Éowyn to increase the resilience of mobile infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [16269/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans for Government investment into the League of Ireland; the efforts of his Department to promote the league; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16771/26]

160. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme will be announced; the expected timeline for the opening of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [16794/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he recognises the need for a public swimming pool in Dungarvan, County Waterford; and when the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund, which can assist in the delivery of the project, will be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [16759/26]

162. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the solutions being considered to address anti-social behaviour and the use of flares at League of Ireland games following a match (details supplied); the length of time the funding pause for applications from League of Ireland clubs for astro pitches will last; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16761/26]

163. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has discussed the potential total funding that will be available for the next round of the community sports facilities fund; if his Department has completed the review of the last round of the same fund; the timeline for the next round of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [16720/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding that his Department has made available for art centres in County Louth. — Erin McGreehan. [16780/26]

165. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to provide affordable spaces for artists to work and collaborate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [16749/26]

166. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the Community Sports Facilities Fund will open for applications in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [16744/26]

167. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he intends to announce the next round of funding under the Community Sport Facilities Fund; if any amendments to the eligibility or assessment criteria are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [16722/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress made in implementing the National Counter Disinformation Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [16773/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of the age verification pilot being undertaken to restrict access to social media; when the pilot will commence; the bodies and platforms participating in the pilot; the criteria being used to assess its effectiveness; the timeline for completion and evaluation; and when he expects to make decisions on national implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [16938/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the specific steps being taken to improve disability inclusion and accessibility across all sports, including participation pathways, accessible facilities and targeted funding supports; the way in which these measures are being delivered and monitored at local level, including in north Dublin; the way in which delivery is coordinated through Sport Ireland and the relevant National Governing Bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16765/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the new round of the Community Sports Facilities Fund grants will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [16807/26]

172. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is planning to call for the Irish football team to boycott matches with Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16776/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is concerned about a proposal that network operators with equipment from high-risk vendors in their supply chain will have to adapt a rip and replace policy, while the EU Cybersecurity Act states it would mandate the replacement of components from entities established in or controlled by entities from third countries posing cybersecurity concerns (high risk suppliers); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16787/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures in place to support the development of ladies' Gaelic football; the actions being taken to improve access to high quality training and playing facilities for female athletes; the way in which his Department is working with Sport Ireland and the GAA and their affiliate organisations to ensure equal treatment and resourcing for women's Gaelic games; the funding allocated for this purpose in 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [16939/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps his Department is taking to support the Post Office network across rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [16721/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of which of the Digital Ireland 20 high-level objectives and 90 specific deliverables his Department will be responsible for; the budgetary allocations that will be made for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [16805/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the actions he is taking to expand investment in community sports facilities, grassroots clubs and shared school and community sports infrastructure; the way in which funding under existing capital programmes is being prioritised to address gaps in provision in densely populated urban constituencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16766/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will continue to independently progress the proposed online age-verification tool, the Government digital wallet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [16803/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the effort his Department is making to support the League of Ireland men's and women's leagues, and domestic football, in light of vast growth in attendance and viewership over the last period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [16800/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether a further opportunity to apply for large-scale sports infrastructure funding will be open to sporting organisations in 2026; if so, the level of funding that will be available; the criteria for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [16268/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding allocated this year for the Dublin city and Fingal LSPs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [16809/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department intends to issue updated guidance on eligibility for State sports capital and infrastructure funding in cases where local sports grounds are not fully community-owned, including situations where affiliation with Croke Park or third-party investment structures results in partial ownership resting with an external entity; if he will clarify how such arrangements affect a club's ability to access State funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [16802/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures his Department is taking to support the rural post network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [16792/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline any plans to provide additional capital support to arts and cultural facilities. — Roderic O'Gorman. [16748/26]

185. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the progress made to date in relation to the implementation of the Online Safety and Media Regulation Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16770/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he will sanction the modest occupational pension increase for former An Post workers which has been agreed

between An Post and worker representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [6898/26]

187. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the criteria for the basic income for the arts is due to change; the number of payments in total that will be made available for successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [14599/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the new round of the Community Sports Facilities Fund will launch in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16769/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the work being done by his Department to regulate AI to protect children from misinformation and toxic online culture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [16768/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the details of Departmental spending to date on the proposed online age-verification tool, the Government digital wallet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [16804/26]

191. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applications for the Creative Climate Action Fund III will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [16808/26]

192. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the efforts his Department are making to support wider diversity and participation in sport from underrepresented groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [16798/26]

193. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the supports available to local sports clubs that do not own their own land to access the sports capital grant to improve their facilities, such as all-weather pitches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16772/26]

194. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he supports a boycott of the upcoming Nations League matches between Ireland and Israel on the grounds that Israel is an apartheid state that has engaged in ethnic cleansing and genocide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16820/26]

195. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has any concerns around the planned Ireland versus Israel Nations League fixtures; the engagement his Department has had with the FAI on the fixtures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [16799/26]

196. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of State funding which is being sought by the organisers of the ice hockey and winter sports arena in Cherrywood, County Dublin; and if he is considering any supports during the development and running of the arena; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16775/26]

197. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the rollout of the National Broadband Plan for Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [16270/26]

198. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the reopening of applications under the Sports Capital Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16470/26]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*199. To ask the Taoiseach the current status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group on Conveyancing and Probate and the timeline for the implementation of each recommendation. — Tony McCormack. [16858/26]

\*200. To ask the Taoiseach whether he will consider introducing defined timelines for conveyancing in the Best Practice Charter for Solicitors and Estate Agents in Conveyancing, developed by the Expert Group on Conveyancing and Probate, to improve efficiency and certainty in conveyancing and if he will legislate for timelines in the event that objectives are not achieved with reducing timelines. — Tony McCormack. [16859/26]

\*201. 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. — Darren O'Rourke. [16350/26]

\*202. To ask the Taoiseach he will report on his Department's Statement of Strategy for 2025-2028. — Darren O'Rourke. [16351/26]

\*203. To ask the Taoiseach the percentage of parent's benefit in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 that was topped up by an employer. — Emer Currie. [16409/26]

\*204. To ask the Taoiseach the number of mothers that had their parents benefit topped up by their employer in 2025. — Emer Currie. [16410/26]

\*205. To ask the Taoiseach the number of fathers that had their parents benefit topped up by their employer in 2025. — Emer Currie. [16411/26]

\*206. To ask the Taoiseach the percentage of paternity leave that was topped up by employers in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Emer Currie. [16488/26]

\*207. To ask the Taoiseach to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16559/26]

\*208. To ask the Taoiseach to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16577/26]

\*209. To ask the Taoiseach to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16594/26]

\*210. To ask the Taoiseach the employment rate in County Kilkenny; the way in which this compares to other counties. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [15953/26]

\*211. To ask the Taoiseach the employment rate in County Carlow; the way in which this compares to other counties. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [15952/26]

\*212. To ask the Taoiseach if he can clarify the remarks recently made by his Department, that Ireland was committed militarily' with Ukraine; his views on whether this is a departure from the State's long held position of being 'militarily neutral'. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17242/26]

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

\*213. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason Ireland has not enacted the primary legislation required to give full effect to Council Decision 2013/488/EU on the protection of EU Classified Information; the timeline originally set by her Department for drafting and publishing the necessary Heads of Bill; the current status of that draft; and the name and grade of the official or unit with lead responsibility for progressing this legislation since 2013. — Peadar Tóibín. [17139/26]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline which Department has held lead responsibility for ensuring State-level compliance with Council Decision 2013/488/EU since 2013; whether this responsibility has changed hands; whether any interdepartmental group or senior officials' committee was established to progress the required legislation; and the reasons no legislation has been brought forward in the 13 years since the decision was adopted. — Peadar Tóibín. [17140/26]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list all interdepartmental meetings, working groups, or official submissions concerning Ireland's compliance with EUCI obligations since 2013, including dates and participating Departments. — Peadar Tóibín. [17141/26]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the role her Department has played in progressing the legislative measures required to implement Council Decision 2013/488/EU; whether her Department has raised concerns regarding Ireland's non-compliance; and the reasons no legislative framework has been introduced in the 13 years since the decision was adopted. — Peadar Tóibín. [17145/26]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of personnel vetted for access to EU classified information since 2013; and whether the absence of primary legislation has affected Ireland's ability to meet EU level security obligations. — Peadar Tóibín. [17146/26]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide the dates of all internal milestones, submissions, or memos relating to the preparation of the required EU legislation on the protection of classified information; the dates on which these were approved or delayed; and the reasons for any delay exceeding six months at each stage. — Peadar Tóibín. [17208/26]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the dates in 2025, and to-date in 2026, where the Irish ambassador based in Washington DC met formally with the United States secretary of homeland security, in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [16342/26]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline Ireland's trading relationship with Mexico; and the steps that are being taken to improve the relationship.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [16505/26]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on activities of the Irish Consulate General Office in Sao Paulo, including staffing levels. — Alan Kelly. [16506/26]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by her Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16551/26]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide the web link to her Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16569/26]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to confirm, in respect of her Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether her Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16586/26]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether Ireland, in its capacity as a participating State of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, intends to nominate and deploy Irish election observers through the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to monitor the forthcoming snap parliamentary elections in Bulgaria; if so, the number of observers proposed; the basis on which such nominations are determined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16627/26]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether Ireland, as a participating State of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, will nominate and deploy Irish election observers through the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights to monitor the forthcoming parliamentary elections in Hungary; if so, the number of observers proposed; the criteria applied by her Department when deciding on participation in such missions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16628/26]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has spoken with the South Korean Ambassador to Ireland since her appointment. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [16915/26]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to staffing shortages in an Irish embassy (details supplied); the actions she will take to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [17005/26]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when she will bring a memorandum to Government regarding the formal exit from the Energy Charter Treaty; to formally end Ireland’s membership; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [17090/26]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the EU Presidency county pairings announced in January; the requirements and obligations for local authorities in relation to this; the engagement that has taken place with local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17091/26]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will address concerns regarding family reunification (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [17123/26]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps her Department has taken since 2013 to ensure Ireland’s compliance with Council Decision 2013/488/EU on EU Classified Information; whether her Department requested or recommended the drafting of primary legislation; and the reasons such legislation has not been published. — Peadar Tóibín. [17143/26]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide the dates of all communications between her Department and other Departments regarding the need for EUCI-related legislation; and the outcome of each communication. — Peadar Tóibín. [17144/26]

\*234. Chun a fhiafraí d’Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála an bhfuil sí i gceist aici nó ag a Ambasáid san Astráil nó i SAM an eachtra dhána a chomóradh ina ndearna na Fíníní an long Catalpa a chur go hIarthar na hAstráile chun seisear ‘ Fíníní Míleata’ a shaoradh óna bpríosúnacht i gCarcair Fremantle agus iad a thionlacan slán go Nua Eabhrac, SAM, 150 bliain ó shin in 1876. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17153/26]

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

\*235. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will report on the disbursement for monies granted to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16175/26]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department provided grants or financial aid to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16176/26]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the legislative or scientific measures are in place to protect vulnerable and genetically distinct Atlantic salmon populations in rivers that are not assessed by the Technical Expert Group on Salmon (TEGOS), in particular the Owenriff (Barna) River system No. 140, situated in the Galway Fishery District No. 9(1) where seven Atlantic salmon were harvested in 2024 according to logbook data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16177/26]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department is considering closing the Owenriff (Barna) River system No. 140, situated in the Galway Fishery District No. 9(1), to all rod and line angling under future legislation considering that it has a small and unprotected population of Atlantic salmon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16178/26]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of Departmental principal officers who were representing his Inland Fisheries Section or managing Inland Fisheries policy in general through June 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16180/26]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the scientific reasons his advisors changed the probability threshold from 85% (catch and release) to 75% (surplus) for Lough Corrib SAC Atlantic salmon stocks under the proposed Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2026; if this change aligns with the 'precautionary principle' that is integral to the EU Habitats Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16181/26]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the 2025 Programme for Government commitment to protect and recognise the Great Western Lakes including Lough Corrib SAC in County Galway as salmonid waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16182/26]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures the SEAI is taking to include works to old stone houses, many without foundations, under the warmer homes scheme given many are being refused any or most works due to structural issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [16197/26]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to examine correspondence (details supplied) in relation to proposed amendments to the wild salmon and sea trout tagging scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16284/26]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16545/26]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16563/26]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16580/26]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the United Nations special rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment sought to visit a location (details supplied), but was refused access by the company; if his Department will engage with the company, or the special rapporteur regarding this refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16613/26]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has engaged with the Department of Public Expenditure; Infrastructure; Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on progressing the River Shannon Management Agency Bill 2020, (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16826/26]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of the serious local concern about the proposal from IFI to replace a well-regulated catch-and-release fishery with a full closure of the River Boyne under the draft Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Regulations for 2026; if he will seek clarification from the IFI on the evidence supporting full closure rather than continued catch-and-release; the way in which poaching and pollution will be monitored without anglers present; the reason the River Boyne remained marked for closure despite changes to other rivers between draft regulations; and the way in which community, economic, and wellbeing impacts have been considered. — Darren O'Rourke. [17065/26]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will address concerns regarding the non-medicinal use of Nitrous Oxide (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [17121/26]

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

\*251. To ask the Minister for Defence if the State Claims Agency Risk Management Liaison Group still carries out annual audits of the Air Corps Health and Safety procedures and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16300/26]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of cases for involving the Air Corps each year are recorded with the State Claims Agency for each of the past ten years; and the number that were contested, settled, lost or withdrawn in the same period. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16301/26]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of cases involving the Air Corps each year were recorded with the State Claims Agency for each of years between 2006 and 2016; and the number of them that were contested, settled, lost or withdrawn in the same period. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16291/26]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Defence if an occupational cohort study into mortality in the Air Corps was ever carried out, as was recommended to the Air Corps two years ago by public health expert (details supplied) given that between 1980 and 2026, there have been around 700-800 deaths of serving and retired personnel, of whom it has been suggested that 115 of them died prematurely. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16293/26]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Defence if it is intended to carry out a follow-up occupational cohort study into mortality in the Air Corps given that the previous one carried out by public health expert (details supplied) two years ago would seem to suggest that the need for a further, more in depth study be carried out. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16294/26]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Defence when the occupational cohort study into mortality in the Air Corps will be carried out over two years ago by public health expert (details supplied) will be published; and if not, the reason. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16295/26]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on whether a major conflict of interest existed between 2006-2016 with the State Claims Agency being centrally involved in both assessing the health and safety regime in the Air Corps through its Risk Management Liaison Group and being the lead in deciding on behalf of the State to fight claims against in which failings in that same health and safety regime were being questioned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16296/26]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will publish the annual reports for each year, 2006 to 2016, of the State Claims Agency Risk Management Liaison Group which carried out audits of the Air Corps Health and Safety procedures and so on, and commended them annually for being best in class and being leaders in the H+S field; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16298/26]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Defence the recruitment criteria for the Irish Defence Forces; the recruitment per year from 2020 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16336/26]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Defence the capital and current funding required for the capacity of the Joint Induction Training Centre at Gormanston Barracks to be able to handle 1,250 new recruits when fully operational. — Roderic O’Gorman. [16344/26]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Defence to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by her Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16547/26]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide the web link to her Department’s Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model

publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16565/26]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Defence to confirm, in respect of her Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether her Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16582/26]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Defence the options available to a person (details supplied) in a pensions matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16637/26]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Defence the protocols in place at her Department headquarters in Newbridge, County Kildare to facilitate communication with those wishing to engage by phone with Department staff; the reason callers are put on hold and left on hold for excessive periods of time, and calls that need to be transferred are once again delayed or not completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [16673/26]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans to permit Royal Navy vessels to patrol Irish waters during Ireland's forthcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union, as reported recently (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [16871/26]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has received a Naval Service regeneration plan, if she can provide details of the plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [17134/26]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Naval Service has submitted a fully worked up business case setting out full infrastructure requirements for both marine and support related elements for an east coast base for the Naval service, to detail the infrastructure requirement included in the business case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [17135/26]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Defence to detail the potential Defence Forces overtime, associated costs and security planning for the upcoming Presidency of the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17219/26]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the response capacity of the Defence Forces, including the Reserve Defence Forces, to provide aid-to-civil-power responses during climate emergencies such as storms or floods; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17220/26]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Defence the public procurement processes to be used for the Defence Forces capital investment plans, particularly in acquiring military radar programme, helicopters, replacement of PC-9M fleet, RPAS/drone, armoured fleet replacement and so on; if

there will be a defined European preference; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17221/26]

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

\*272. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that a standardised app will be available for usage at all EV charging points as at present the apps are applicable to individual companies only and not to all charging points causing great inconvenience for motorists particularly for persons travelling distances from their homes or place of work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [16907/26]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Transport the capacity for Ireland to host large, seized vessels in Irish ports; the potential associated costs and manpower required; whose responsibility is it to maintain security and jurisdiction over seized vessels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17218/26]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of additional bus stops in Waterford city approved, funded, and activated/delivered in each year 2023-2026, in tabular form; the cumulative number of bus stops approved, funded, and activated/delivered; the number which are funded but not activated; and the location of same. — David Cullinane. [16199/26]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of additional bus shelters sought for Waterford city which were approved, denied, funded, and activated/delivered in each year 2023-2026, in tabular form; the number funded but not activated; and the location of same. — David Cullinane. [16200/26]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional lighting will be provided at Athy train station, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16201/26]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Transport when the toilet facilities at Athy train station will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16202/26]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the provision of an hourly train service for Athy train station along the Waterford to Heuston line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16203/26]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the provision of an hourly train service for train stations in Carlow and Kilkenny along the Waterford to Heuston line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16204/26]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the publication of the review report on the M9/M7 merges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16205/26]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drones currently allowed to operate drone delivery services in the State. — Thomas Gould. [16245/26]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he approves licences for drone delivery services. — Thomas Gould. [16247/26]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Transport the regulations that exist for drone delivery services. — Thomas Gould. [16249/26]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received about drone delivery services in 2025. — Thomas Gould. [16251/26]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Transport to issue a permit at the earliest possible date in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16337/26]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Transport if high-vis PPE will become mandatory for legal pedal-assist e-bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16339/26]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Transport for an inventory of lands and properties owned by Irish Rail in the Dublin central area; the number that are currently in a state of vacancy or dereliction; and the land management/biodiversity strategy that is in place for unbuilt-on land. — Roderic O’Gorman. [16347/26]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason approved driving instructors are currently not permitted front/road facing dash cams, in order to ensure safety and recording of potential road traffic incidents where they arise, for their own safety and for the purposes of insurance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [16396/26]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the position regarding pensions within Córas Iompair Éireann (CIE) and its subsidiary companies; the current funding position of the CIE pension schemes; the engagement underway between his Department, the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitisation, and the relevant stakeholders on addressing pension sustainability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [16425/26]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the latest actuarial assessment of the CIE pension schemes; the projected funding shortfall, if any; the measures being considered to ensure long-term financial sustainability; the expected timeline for decisions on the future structure and funding of these pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [16427/26]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the feasibility of establishing a targeted footpath repair and upgrade fund within the 2027 roads programme, aimed at addressing defective and inaccessible footpaths and enhancing walkability, particularly for older persons and those with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [16428/26]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the provision of catering services on the Irish Rail InterCity services, which currently have no catering service; the details of any progress made towards the provision of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [16429/26]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding his engagement with Donegal cancer flights in relation to the proposed alteration to the PSO contract regarding flights provided for between Donegal and Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16430/26]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the proposed alteration to the PSO contract between Donegal and Dublin (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16431/26]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he will take to ensure that people that rely on the flights provided for under the PSO contract between Donegal and Dublin (details supplied) are not left without this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16432/26]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a bus shelter at the busiest stop on a route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16438/26]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a bus shelter at the busiest stop on a route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16439/26]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE digital marketing specialists employed by Iarnród Éireann as of 24 February 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16493/26]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time and average number of people waiting in each county for driving tests for categories B, C1, C, BE, and CE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [16501/26]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Transport the total funding allocated to each local authority under the 2025 bus stop enhancement programme; the total amount of that allocation that was drawn down or spent by each local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [16533/26]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Transport to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16560/26]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16578/26]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16595/26]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16612/26]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner permit holders involved in fatal road traffic collisions each year since 2020 to date; the number of fatalities in each collision; the number of learners each year who were driving unaccompanied at the time of the fatal crash; and the number of fatalities in each fatal collision involving an unaccompanied learner driver, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [16617/26]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner permit holders involved in serious injury collisions each year from 2020 to date; the number of people who were seriously injured in each collision; the number of learner drivers who were driving unaccompanied at the time of the serious injury crash; and the number of people who suffered serious injuries in each collision, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [16618/26]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the circumstances surrounding an aeromedical evacuation (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [16633/26]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons for the difficulty in identifying and accessing a suitable landing site in Gaoth Dobhair; and whether there are sufficient designated and approved landing locations in rural areas such as Gaoth Dobhair to support timely aeromedical intervention. — Paul Murphy. [16634/26]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Transport if the new AW189 Coastguard helicopter will no longer be permitted to land at Otharlann Alt na nGealbhán, Doire; the reasons for this decision; and the alternative arrangements that have been put in place to ensure patients from Dún na nGall and surrounding areas can continue to receive timely access to appropriate medical facilities. — Paul Murphy. [16635/26]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Transport for the latest update on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16649/26]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of an issue persisting since Summer 2025 in relation to the audio levels of next stop announcements onboard Cork city buses; if he will take measures to resolve the inaccessibility of the announcements for passengers with visual and/or hearing impairments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [16695/26]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has issued, or intends to issue, any policy direction to the Road Safety Authority requiring the publication of centre-by-centre national car test pass and fail statistics; whether he is satisfied that current publication practices meet standards of public transparency and accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [16754/26]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Transport the total monetary value of the current national car testing contract approved by his Department; the date of its commencement; its scheduled expiry date; whether provision exists for extension; and the anticipated timeline for the next competitive procurement process. — Ken O'Flynn. [16755/26]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is satisfied that the audit and assurance framework operated by the Road Safety Authority in respect of the national car test includes

statistical variance analysis of pass and fail rates across centres; whether threshold parameters are applied to identify anomalies; and whether such analysis is reported to his Department in aggregate form. — Ken O’Flynn. [16756/26]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Road Safety Authority has adopted, approved, or reviewed any performance metrics applied to national car testing inspectors relating to inspection throughput, efficiency targets, or statistical outcomes; whether any such metrics are linked to contractual key performance indicators; and whether he is satisfied that such arrangements, if in place, do not create perverse incentives. — Ken O’Flynn. [16757/26]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has received, in aggregate form, data from the Road Safety Authority on the number and percentage of national car test fail decisions overturned on appeal in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and whether he will publish this information in the interests of public confidence. — Ken O’Flynn. [16758/26]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 415 of 13 May 2025, No. 602 of 21 May 2026, and No. 17 of 24 September 2025, to provide details of this examination of overflights of Ireland of munitions to Israel without authorisation; to provide the date upon which this examination commenced; to outline what the examination consists of; whether contact has been made with any of the airlines alleged to have carried these munitions; and when the examination will be completed. — Paul Murphy. [16824/26]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has conducted any policy review since 2021 of the effectiveness of section 41 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and section 109A of the Road Traffic Act 1961 in deterring the unlawful use of mechanically propelled vehicles in public places; whether such review included analysis of annual seizure volumes, recovery rates, and disposal rates; and if he will publish any internal briefing or policy paper prepared on this matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [16827/26]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has conducted a regulatory impact assessment, cost-benefit analysis, or deterrence modelling in advance of the proposed increase in release fees for seized scramblers; the behavioural or economic evidence is being relied upon to determine the revised fee structure; and whether projected fee levels have been benchmarked against enforcement regimes in other EU jurisdictions. — Ken O’Flynn. [16828/26]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will set out the proposed revised release fee and daily storage charge for seized scramblers under forthcoming regulations; whether the intention is to introduce a tiered or escalating penalty framework; and whether any element of the revised charge will be retained centrally or applied to offset enforcement costs. — Ken O’Flynn. [16829/26]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the N/M20 Cork to Limerick road improvement scheme remains designated as a strategic inter-urban priority under the current National Development Plan; and whether the project’s funding profile for 2027 and 2028 has been provisionally approved at Ministerial level. — Ken O’Flynn. [16833/26]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department holds the most recent estimated capital cost range for the N/M20 project; whether this estimate has been adjusted for construction inflation since 2022; and what total Exchequer commitment is anticipated over the lifetime of the scheme. — Ken O’Flynn. [16834/26]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will confirm the current phase of the N/M20 project within the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Project Management Guidelines lifecycle; the anticipated date for completion of route selection and statutory approval; and whether a projected construction commencement date has been approved at departmental level. — Ken O’Flynn. [16835/26]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Transport whether legal advice has been received confirming that section 35A of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended, provides sufficient statutory authority to prohibit the use of scramblers in all public places including parks, greenways and housing estates; whether primary legislation was considered; and whether he will publish the statutory interpretation underpinning the proposed regulations. — Ken O’Flynn. [16886/26]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Transport the average cost of installing a bus shelter. — Darren O’Rourke. [16917/26]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Transport the average cost of updating a bus shelter and stop with new seats/roof and pull ins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [16918/26]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus stops with shelters that have been built in Meath for the years 2020 to 2025 and to-date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [16919/26]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus shelters and stops respectively in County Meath, broken down by town and village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [16920/26]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Transport if a representative from his Department participates in the traffic forum chaired by the NTA. — Maeve O’Connell. [17059/26]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Transport the frequency with which the traffic forum meets; and the details available regarding the forum’s current programme of work. — Maeve O’Connell. [17060/26]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated to the EV grant scheme in each of the years 2020 to 2025; the number of grants that were awarded; the number of grants that were drawn down; the number of grants that were provided to vehicles over €40,000; the number of grants that were provided to vehicles over €45,000; the number of grants that were provided to vehicles over €50,000; and the number of grants that were provided to vehicles over €55,000, in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [17063/26]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific number of qualified controllers that will be working at Dublin, Cork, and Shannon this summer; if this is sufficient for both current traffic and any expected increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17067/26]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Transport given that Ireland does not have sufficient air traffic control resources to manage an increase in flights safely his views on whether lifting the passenger CAP would cause chaos; the steps he has taken to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17068/26]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify, of the €1.5 billion for national, regional, and local roads announced this week; the amount allocated to Dublin City Council; the rationale for this allocation; if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [17110/26]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding streams a being provided by his Department to Dublin City Council for road safety improvements works, climate change adaptation and resilience road works, and road drainage works respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [17111/26]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the construction timeline and funding of a train station (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17124/26]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of reopening a spur of railway line in Limerick (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17125/26]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Transport to extend the 238 Hollystown Swing Roundabout (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [17211/26]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Transport to extend a service 40d to Hollystown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [17212/26]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider extending the carpark serving Thurles Railway Station given the high demand, particularly in the mornings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [17224/26]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NTA will fund the installation of a next bus display screen at Dublin Bus pole number 941. — Tom Brabazon. [17230/26]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Transport the average duration in months of environmental impact assessment and appropriate assessment stages for major transport infrastructure projects approved between 2015 and 2025; and the baseline data being used to assess current delays. — Ken O'Flynn. [18048/26]

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

\*343. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to include an annual review of the property price ceiling for the help-to-buy scheme in the budgetary process to account for fluctuations in property prices nationally; the reason the first home scheme can increase the property price ceilings but the help-to-buy scheme cannot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [16239/26]

\*344. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding the review of the ETF tax regime, as set out in the most recent Budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16435/26]

\*345. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these

by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16550/26]

\*346. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16568/26]

\*347. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16585/26]

\*348. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the cost to the Exchequer on donations to approved bodies under section 848A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [16611/26]

\*349. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if those in receipt of the carer's allowance and liable to income tax have already had their weekly payments changed to reflect this; if other recipients only see this liability on their weekly income later through the year given the fear many of those who received the letter now have of a tax liability to the Revenue Commissioners even at the end of the year; the way in which this liability may work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16659/26]

\*350. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any existing statutory provision currently empowers the Revenue Commissioners to introduce real-time or continuous withholding tax reporting obligations without amendment to primary legislation; and if he will specify the statutory basis for any such authority. — Ken O'Flynn. [16706/26]

\*351. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total annual Exchequer funding currently provided in respect of the No. 2 Fund of the Eircom Superannuation Scheme; whether pension increases under that fund require approval from the Minister for Finance; whether any Exchequer exposure arises in respect of the main fund; whether the Minister has received representations regarding erosion of purchasing power for pensioners under this scheme; and whether a review of indexation policy has been considered. — Ken O'Flynn. [16738/26]

\*352. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of income from forestry that was recorded as exempt from tax by companies, corporations, and Coillte for each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Martin Kenny. [16908/26]

\*353. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of revenue collected from taxing farmers on income from agri-environmental schemes. — Martin Kenny. [16910/26]

\*354. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to add a category to the MED 2 form to allow claims for tax relief for cone beam computed tomography dental imaging. — Seán Crowe. [16921/26]

\*355. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated revenue foregone if the VAT rate for electricity was set at 0%, in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [16993/26]

\*356. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated revenue foregone if the VAT rate for gas was set at 0%, in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [16994/26]

\*357. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated revenue foregone if the VAT rate for electricity was set at 0% for domestic customers only, in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [16995/26]

\*358. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated revenue foregone if the VAT rate for gas was set at 0% for domestic customers only, in each of the years 2020 to date, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [16996/26]

\*359. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of revenue that has been earned through the VAT on electricity, in each of the years 2015 to date. — Pa Daly. [16997/26]

\*360. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of revenue that has been earned through the VAT on gas, in each of the years 2015 to date. — Pa Daly. [16998/26]

\*361. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of revenue that has been earned through the VAT on electricity on domestic bills only, in each of the years 2015 to date. — Pa Daly. [16999/26]

\*362. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount of revenue that has been earned through the VAT on gas on domestic bills only, in each of the years 2015 to date. — Pa Daly. [17000/26]

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

\*363. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if any recent reviews have been carried out in relation to extending the special amenity area along the Liffey Valley in Lucan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [16623/26]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the companies currently on the Office of Government Procurement framework to provide hospitality staff for OPW events and functions; the amount paid to each company for such services in 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16492/26]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in

allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16556/26]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16574/26]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16591/26]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total projected cost to the State of the new Macroom Garda station; the breakdown of this cost; the role of the Office of Public Works in the planning and delivery of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [16608/26]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if there have been any recent discussions regarding the creation of a Liffey Valley park from Islandbridge to Celbridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [16625/26]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the likely date for completion of the extension and renovation of Portlaoise Garda station; the planned date for its return to use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [16666/26]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether quantified time-reduction targets have been set under the Accelerating Infrastructure Action Plan; and if he will provide the performance indicators by which success will be measured. — Ken O'Flynn. [16707/26]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether primary legislation will be required to implement judicial review reforms under Action 1; whether drafting instructions have been issued to the Office of Parliamentary Counsel; the anticipated date of publication of any Bill; and whether pre-legislative scrutiny is planned. — Ken O'Flynn. [16708/26]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the specific EIA or appropriate assessment thresholds are proposed to be raised under Action 4; whether regulatory impact analysis has been completed; whether

public consultation will be undertaken; and the projected commencement date of any statutory instruments. — Ken O’Flynn. [16709/26]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the estimated cost to the Exchequer between 2015 and 2025 arising from projects requiring a restart of EIA or AA processes following quashing orders; and whether a cost-benefit analysis has been conducted in relation to the proposed judicial review reforms. — Ken O’Flynn. [16710/26]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the proposed removal of pinch points along the River Shannon between Meelick and Banagher; if surveys or assessments have been completed; the expected timeline for works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [16895/26]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will take action to address the lack of members of the Traveller community employed within the public sector and semi-state sector, and particularly apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17020/26]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to confirm that Section 10 of the template employment contract for Chief Executives of commercial semi State bodies is applicable only in circumstances involving complaints or legal actions initiated by external parties; to confirm that this clause has always been interpreted in that manner by his Department and commercial semi State bodies; to set out whether he is satisfied that the current wording provides sufficient clarity to prevent its misapplication in internal grievance or disciplinary matters; and to indicate if he will update or revise the clause to ensure that its intended scope is explicit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [17117/26]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the agreed programme of works for the removal of identified pinch points along the River Shannon between Meelick Eyrecourt and Banagher; to outline the current status of these works; the timeline for commencement and completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [17150/26]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the engagements he and his Department have had with European institutions and other member states regarding the revision of Public Procurement Directives; when these will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [17222/26]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for a comprehensive update regarding any and all ongoing reviews, updates or strategies relating to public procurement being worked by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [17223/26]

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

\*381. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Fiontar, Turasóireachta agus Fostaíochta an bhfuil sé ar an eolas faoin mbuairt atá léirithe ag eagrais cheoil, lena n-áirítear IMRO agus IRMA, faoi thionchar na hintleachta saorga ar cheoltóirí agus ar an earnáil cheoil in Éirinn; an bhfuil sé i gceist aige

gníomh a dhéanamh dá réir; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17093/26]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether a property that has been operating as a short-term let for seven or more years will require change of use planning permission with regard to the new short-term letting regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16187/26]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with regard to the new short-term letting regulations, whether granny flats or converted garages within the grounds of a principal private residence will be exempt from new regulations and will they be treated as part of the main home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16188/26]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with regard to the new short-term letting regulations, whether an Irish principal private home is used by owners living abroad as a family base and as a short-term let will be exempt as a PPH under the new rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16189/26]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with regard to the new short-term letting regulations, how second homes and holiday homes will be classified under the new regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16190/26]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with regard to the new short-term letting regulations, how will planning permission and compliance requirements apply for properties let to students during the academic year and as short-term lets over the summer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16192/26]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with regard to the new short-term letting regulations, if there is a two-year period to regularise a property, whether hosts will be issued a temporary registration number and allowed to continue operating during this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16193/26]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific priorities, with particular reference to innovation and life sciences, that his Department has identified ahead of Ireland hosting the EU Presidency from July of this year; the process by which these priorities are being determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [16238/26]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16549/26]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16567/26]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16584/26]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on tackling the use of recommender algorithms on various online service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16896/26]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the consideration his Department is giving to the creation of a comprehensive national Traveller employment plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16954/26]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration will be given to providing additional resources and support to Traveller organisations engaged in upskilling and employment creation work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16955/26]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will establish an awareness campaign to promote to employers, traveller inclusion in the workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16956/26]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to commit to ensuring that the Traveller Graduate Network is supported in its provision of mentoring programmes, workshops and jobs fairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16957/26]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the research undertaken by, or commissioned by, his Department on the four day week; to summarise the findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [16967/26]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will include the loss of livestock in the flood compensation scheme as farmers/farm families are small businesses and cannot sustain such a loss from flooding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17004/26]

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

\*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has a stance on the value of early intervention classes in assisting children with additional needs to transition to school. — Liam Quaide. [16421/26]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the launch date of the bus for students residing in Tyrrelstown-Mulhuddart SPA through the SSIA (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16198/26]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school bus route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16206/26]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will return the position of full-time caretaker to a school (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [16209/26]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school (details supplied) seeking a permanent roll number; if the decision to refuse this can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16210/26]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which a school (details supplied) performed under each of the individual criteria used to prioritise school building projects included in the recent announcement of 105 school building projects; the relative ranking or position for this school under each criterion and overall compared with projects selected for inclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [16241/26]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the application by a school (details supplied) for their inclusion in the DEIS 1 Plus programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [16242/26]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the supports and services for victims of abuse in industrial schools will be put in place. — Conor Sheehan. [16253/26]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of a campaign by parents regarding the modular project proposed for a school (details supplied); if a commitment will be provided regarding the retention of the greenspace in situ; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16283/26]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 652 of 17 February 2026, if she will consider correspondence from a parent (details supplied) in relation to the need for a school transport service for young people attending the school; if she is aware there are over 25 young people using a private bus service on this route at high cost to families; if a school transport route will be reconsidered for the areas outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16285/26]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 638 of 10 February 2026, if two extra places will be available in a school (details supplied) following the completion of the current major project to provide the three storey 1,000 pupil community school, given information provided in that reply indicates current enrolment is circa 998; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16287/26]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions her Department is taking to ensure sufficient capacity for first-year secondary school places in Rathcoole, Newcastle, Citywest and Saggart; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16288/26]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update in relation to the allocation of special needs assistants (SNAs) for schools for the 2026-2027 school year; the date on which there will be clarity on this issue; the steps schools are expected to take where there is a cut in the SNA allocation to the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16303/26]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure that smaller schools (details supplied) including those in rural and isolated areas, have equitable access to capital and operational funding opportunities; the supports available to assist such schools in applying for and securing funding. — Paula Butterly. [16320/26]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports and funding options available to a post-primary school in Drogheda, County Louth (details supplied) whose gymnasium is now in serious disrepair despite significant recent investment in other sports facilities; noting that an application for refurbishment is already with the Department; and if she will outline the next steps for progressing this project and advise on any further funding streams that may be accessed. — Paula Butterly. [16321/26]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department will take to address ongoing delays and inaccuracies in the assessment of a school building project (details supplied); noting that despite the submission of the Stage A Report in November 2022 and further documentation in 2023, feedback has contained errors, and that the school urgently requires a displaced classroom, an expanded staffroom to accommodate significant staff growth, and an accessible WC to meet mobility and care needs; and if she will outline how this project can be progressed as the school moves to developing school status. — Paula Butterly. [16322/26]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports available to assist a school (details supplied) to establish two new classrooms; noting that the Department has been reluctant to progress the school's application due to its small size and has indicated a preference to explore larger schools first; and if she will outline how the school's expression of interest can be advanced. — Paula Butterly. [16323/26]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the proposed school extension for a school in Drogheda (details supplied); if the project has been included for consideration under the National Development Plan (NPD), as indicated in correspondence issued by her Department in October 2025; the current stage of the project within the Department's capital appraisal process; and the expected timeline for full sanction and progression to the next phase of development. — Paula Butterly. [16324/26]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the up-to-date position with the provision of a new school (details supplied); when the school will proceed to tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16327/26]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of funding issues for a school in County Kildare (details supplied); the steps the school can take to secure additional funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16328/26]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the next steps of a project (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16333/26]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a school extension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16360/26]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a Stage 2a meeting will be arranged (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16367/26]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department will complete its review of an addendum report submitted on 31 October 2025 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16368/26]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the new DEIS+ scheme is being developed under her Department's Education Plan 2025 as promised by the previous Minister; if implementation is still due to start in September 2026; when detailed criteria, the application process and the required documentation will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [16369/26]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the new school building will be approved for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16389/26]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth how the pause of the SNA review will affect those schools who have been told their SNA allocation will be reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [16399/26]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's plans to ensure that mainstream schools' SNA allocation is appropriate to the level of need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [16400/26]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current plans to ensure that a group of children are able to access autism classes in secondary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [16405/26]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address matters concerning notifications received by a number of primary schools that they were set to lose some of their SNA allocation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16412/26]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention classes nationally in 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Liam Quaide. [16419/26]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she plans to increase the number of early intervention classes nationally in 2026/2027. — Liam Quaide. [16420/26]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the new build for schools (details supplied) has not progressed; when works will commence and conclude; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16422/26]

\*432. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige sí ar an eolas faoi an cás go bhfuil ar páistí meán meánscoile Baile Fhormaid, Baile Átha Cliath, freastal ar dhá suíomh scoile difriúla toisc nár tosnaíodh ar an tógáil ar foirgnimh úr a bhí geallta do dhaltáí, a tuismitheoirí agus do na múinteoirí nuair a tháinig na trí meánscoil áitiúla (Coláiste Caritas, Coláiste Naomh Eoin, agus Coláiste Naomh Dominic) le chéile mar meánscoil úr St Setons, agus cad iad na céimeanna agus an amchlár chun an tógra seo a chuir ina gcrích. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16423/26]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if smaller schools can open special classes; if not, if they are precluded due to size; if size is a factor in this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16440/26]

\*434. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhfuil aon cinneadh glacadh chun féachaint ar cás ar leith a dhéanamh do Scoil Lir, Baile Átha Cliath, chun stádas Deis a bhronnadh air in aineoinn í bheith lasmuigh den amchlár chun an stádas sin a fháil toisc gur osclaíodh í i ndiaidh an spriocdáta ach go bhfuil na bun dúshláin agus a bhreis uirthi a cháilleoidh mar scoil Deis agus Deis+ í; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16442/26]

\*435. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhfuil aon cinneadh glactha le aitheantas ar leith i bhfoirm maoiniú nó achmhainní scoile breise a bhronnadh ar Scoil Lir, Baile Átha Cliath, atá stádas Deis diúltaithe uirthi in aineoinn na dúshláin roimh an scoil, na páistí scoile agus an ceantair scoile. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16443/26]

\*436. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhfuil plean leagtha síos maidir le an Gaelcholáiste úr i Sráid Synge, Baile Átha Cliath; na céimeanna bliaintiúil ar gá tarlú ó thaobh seomraí ranga, múinteoirí cáilithe le Gaeilge, seomraí foirne, athnuachaint foirgnimh agus tógáil úr, clós scoile nach bhfuil roinnte le scoil Béarla, achmhainn breise agus iomlán seilbh an suíomh i gceann sé bliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16444/26]

\*437. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhfuil plean leagtha síos maidir le an Gaelcholáiste úr i Sráid Synge, Baile Átha Cliath; ar bhuail sí le bord bainistíocht, comhairle na dtuistí nó an príomhoide úr chun an fis maidir leis an Gaelcholáiste seo ag fás ó an tús i mí Meán an Fomhair i mbliana go dtí seilbh iomlán ar foirgnimh an sean coláiste Béarla i gceann sé bliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16445/26]

\*438. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an eol di gurb St Seton i mBaile Fhormaid, Baile Átha Cliath an céad cumasc de trí meánscoil le stádas Deis, agus gur gealladh do tuismitheoirí, daltaí agus pobal an ceantair a bhí amhrasach faoin tógra nuair a fógraíodh ar dtús é tamaill maith de blianta ó shin go mbeadh buntáiste ag eascairt as an tógra micléinn bheith ar campus amháin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16446/26]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16447/26]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on proposed building works at a school (details supplied); when she expects works to progress to the next stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [16448/26]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on an application for modular units by a school (details supplied); when she expects such units to be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [16450/26]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school was not included in the announced list of projects, confirmation of the school's current position within future phases of the National Development Plan; the realistic timeline for redevelopment or significant investment. — Paul Donnelly. [16480/26]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Clare seeking special education school places; the current level of unmet need; the projected demand for places for the next five years; the criteria used to determine special class allocation, of the new special education classes announced; the number of the schools which have the infrastructure to meet the

needs of the new classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [16487/26]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the immediate steps which will be taken to address a serious health and safety issue at a school (details supplied); the criteria under which these applications were assessed; the reason the situation was not classified as an emergency given the clear health and safety risks involved; and the interim and long-term measures that will now be put in place. — Máire Devine. [16517/26]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an application by a school (details supplied) for urgent emergency works will be reconsidered. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16523/26]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of the number of schools in Dublin Fingal West that had initially participated in a review of SNA allocation for the 2026/27 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16532/26]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by her Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16548/26]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the web link to her Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16566/26]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm, in respect of her Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether her Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16583/26]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to address serious health and safety issue at a school (details supplied); the reason applications for emergency works were refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16599/26]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of special needs assistant posts that were identified for reduction nationally arising from the recent NCSE allocation reviews; the number of schools affected by these proposed reductions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [16602/26]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether individualised risk assessments were carried out in respect of children with additional needs prior to decisions being made

regarding the proposed reduction or removal of SNA supports; if so, the nature of these assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [16603/26]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the decision-making framework used by the NCSE in determining proposed changes to SNA allocations in schools; whether schools, parents or SNAs were consulted as part of this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [16604/26]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether special needs assistants whose posts were proposed for reduction under recent NCSE reviews will now be subject to redeployment notwithstanding the pause announced by Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [16605/26]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the concerns being raised by special needs assistants (SNAs) in relation to their terms and conditions of employment, including the lack of job security, pension provision, and access to allowances such as clothing allowances; if her Department has undertaken any review of pay disparities between SNAs and teachers participating in schemes such as the July provision programme; and if she will outline any plans to improve the employment conditions, pay and career sustainability of SNAs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [16607/26]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there are only two ASD early intervention classes in Waterford schools (details supplied); if these ASD early intervention classes will be funded in the 2026-2027 school year given the NCSE has not yet published a full list of all classes for 2026-2027, only a list of new classes for 2026-2027 which do not include any new early intervention classes in Waterford; if not, if any other such classes in Waterford will be funded; if not, her views on whether there are no children with ASD in Waterford in need of early intervention classes; and if so, the data which was used to determine this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16609/26]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in Clare and in each county which appealed their allocation of SNAs in the past five years; the number of appeals which resulted in an increase in SNAs allocated; the number which resulted in a reduction; the number which resulted in no change, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [16614/26]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when school transport will be provided for a child (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16630/26]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the application for replacing a classroom SET room and UAWC at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16640/26]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a special needs class and extension is under consideration at a school in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16658/26]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to improve the working entitlements of SNAs; if she will consider a minimum hours of employment for such a role; if she will consider pension entitlements for SNAs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16662/26]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a school extension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16670/26]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) is not allowed to proceed to open a special class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16677/26]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to expand the furniture and repairs funding scheme to cover repair costs for special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16686/26]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether there is additional support for special schools for sanitary/cleaning products for special schools who cater for children aged 4-18 plus (details provided); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16687/26]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for details on funding for special schools (details provided); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16688/26]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a Home School Liaison Teacher for a school (details provided); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16689/26]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for details regarding salaries (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16690/26]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the measures being taken to improve communication around the NCSE 1 October deadline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16691/26]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to establish if transport escorts for adults with disabilities, attending services (details supplied) and 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's special educational needs transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16825/26]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she clarify the position of her Department on the provision of positive behaviour support within special education schools, autism classes and mainstream settings where autistic or behaviourally vulnerable students are enrolled (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16836/26]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children and young people who are blind or visually impaired and who are currently receiving orientation and mobility or rehabilitation services delivered by an organisation (details supplied), and funded by her Department, in counties Cork, Tipperary and Waterford. in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16838/26]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount of funding currently allocated to post-primary school for the employment of substitute teachers; the basis on which this allocation is calculated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16847/26]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the grant or allocation provided to schools for each substitute teacher cover has increased in each of the past 20 years; to provide a year-by-year breakdown of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16848/26]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the allocation for substitute teacher cover has remained unchanged over the past two decades despite increases in salary scales and cost-of-living pressures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16849/26]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the review into the upper age limit of 70 for drivers operating under the school transport scheme; when that review is expected to conclude; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16862/26]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school transport drivers who have been required to cease driving upon reaching the age of 70 in each of the past three years; the projected number expected to be affected in the next two years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16863/26]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the extent to which the mandatory upper age limit of 70 for school transport drivers is contributing to driver shortages; the assessment her Department has undertaken in this regard; the contingency measures in place to maintain continuity of service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16864/26]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether consideration is being given to permitting drivers over the age of 70 to continue operating school transport services subject to annual medical and eyesight certification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16865/26]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the role of Bus Éireann in determining the upper age limit for drivers operating under the school transport scheme; whether her Department has directed or requested a review of this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16866/26]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the progress made to date on the Programme for Government commitment to assess the feasibility of removing the exclusion of drivers aged over 70 from participation in the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16867/26]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the forecasting done by her Department in respect of capacity of primary and secondary schools for catchment areas touching Dublin 2, 4, 6, 6W and 8. — Ivana Bacik. [16877/26]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 591 of 24 February 2026, in relation to the plan mentioned, if she will supply a timeline for carrying out and completion of the necessary works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [16878/26]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16879/26]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) has no SNA support, given the school has submitted an application and an appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16892/26]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review the case of a school (details supplied) and provide an update on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16898/26]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 350 of 19 February 2026, the exact number of early intervention preschool classes for autistic children in mainstream and special schools that have been redesignated to primary autism classes/other special classes for the 2026/2027 school year. — Darren O'Rourke. [16899/26]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention classes which were open and functioning, by county, for each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16900/26]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to redesignate any more early intervention classes for the school year 2026/2027 or 2027/2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16901/26]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of early intervention classes which were redesignated to primary autism classes/other special classes for each of the years 2020 to 2025, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16902/26]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total funding allocated for assistive technology in schools for each of the years 2020 to 2025 inclusive; the number of students supported under this funding in each of those years, in tabular form; whether she intends to increase funding in light of the growing number and increasingly complex needs of children requiring assistive technology supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16925/26]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding which is currently allocated to schools for support for children diagnosed with dyslexia, dyspraxia, and dyscalculia; the criteria for accessing this funding; whether her Department plans to increase this allocation in the next financial year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16962/26]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the financial support or grants available for families of children with dyslexia, dyspraxia, or dyscalculia to access therapies, tutoring, or assistive technologies outside of school; the number of families that accessed this funding in the past three years; whether there are plans to expand this support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16963/26]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure equitable access to funding for children with dyslexia, dyspraxia, or dyscalculia across different regions; whether disparities exist; the steps being taken to address them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16964/26]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the effectiveness of funding for children with dyslexia, dyspraxia, and dyscalculia is monitored; the outcomes that are tracked; and whether there is evidence that current funding levels meet the needs of children both in and outside of school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16965/26]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether funding is allocated specifically for training teachers and support staff in supporting children with dyslexia, dyspraxia, or dyscalculia; the amount of such funding; whether there are plans to expand professional development in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16966/26]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider providing a school transport extension (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16975/26]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the development of a new school site to accommodate schools (details supplied); when the new schools will be operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16978/26]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the poor and dangerous condition of the car park surface at a school (details supplied); who is responsible for maintenance of same; if the club are receiving funding from the Department of Education & Youth to maintain same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16979/26]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the changes that have occurred in substitute teacher daily rates and salary scales over the past 20 years; if she will provide a breakdown of these changes by year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16981/26]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a decision on SNA allocation for a school (details supplied) can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17013/26]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a child (details supplied) with a diagnosed global disability, ADHD and autism to secure a school placement. — Máire Devine. [17014/26]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she considers that the provision of two hours per day meets a child's assessed educational and developmental needs (details supplied); and the steps she will take to ensure the child receives a full and appropriate school placement in line with their needs. — Máire Devine. [17015/26]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports available to a family (details supplied). — Máire Devine. [17016/26]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will urgently review a case to ensure a child (details supplied) receives adequate educational provision. — Máire Devine. [17017/26]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are grant supports available through her Department to students who wish to take part in the European Youth Parliament; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [17019/26]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary schools in Kilkenny and Carlow and in each county which have access to an SNA; the number of schools that do not have access to an SNA; the number of SNA's allocated to each school, by county for each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [17025/26]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the primary capitation grant with a view to introducing a fixed-cost component for small schools to reflect unavoidable overheads such as utilities, insurance, fire safety and caretaking (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17026/26]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider measures to ensure that minor works and ICT grants are not diverted to core running costs, particularly in small rural schools, so that these grants may be used for maintenance, improvement works and digital provision as intended (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17027/26]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports available to small primary schools for caretaking and cleaning where no ancillary grant is provided; if she will consider an ancillary top-up for such schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17028/26]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide targeted support for the servicing and maintenance of heat pumps in small primary schools and expand access to energy-efficiency measures to reduce utility costs and ease pressure on general grants (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17029/26]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the review of the policy within the school transport scheme, which prevents school bus drivers aged 70 years-of-age and over from driving will be completed; her plans to change this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17042/26]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her announcement of 105 priority school building projects in the first tranche of the NDP rollout, what this means for other projects; if projects such as the additional accommodation project at a school (details supplied) will be delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17047/26]

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delayed due to funding and other practical constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17049/26]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider the application by a school (details supplied) to open a second special class for children with autism, which will meet the documented demand in the wider geographical area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [17058/26]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the grant payment calendar for 2026 and 2027 will be published for primary schools, including the scheduled payment months for Minor Works and ICT grants, with particular reference to small rural schools to support Board of Management planning and procurement (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17045/26]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to report No. 98 of the Comptroller and Auditor General on school transport, if she will provide the exact figures that the Bus Éireann directors and auditors determined as profit in each year for school transport that was actually credited to the statutory financial statement in the profit and loss account, balance sheet and cash flow statement in each of the years 2010 to 2016, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17064/26]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when sample AAC reports will be provided to teachers for science subjects to illustrate the expectation that will be considered when grading these projects from students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17069/26]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when students undertaking AACs in science subjects will be provided with guidance on approaching the additional assessment component, particularly in relation to word count; the number of questions to answer; the amount of detail required for each question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17070/26]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the recent 'WATTS report' based on input and data gathered by an organisation (details supplied), if she will pause the introduction of the AAC component in science subjects, with particular concern from science teachers given to health and safety risks, infrastructure gaps, workload crisis and equity and integrity issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17071/26]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason no marking scheme was introduced with exam papers for the written component of the Leaving Certificate for science subjects; when she expects this will be circulated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17072/26]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide additional funding to accompany the introduction of AAC's for science subjects following the concern raised in the recent 'WATTS report' based on data provided by an organisation (details supplied), with great concern given to health and safety issues, lack of storage, inadequate facilities, lack of lab technicians and outdated labs, equipment and resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17073/26]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) was not included in the list of school building projects as announced under the National Development Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [17076/26]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to detail the current basis on which guidance counsellors are allocated to secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [17142/26]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current policy position of her Department regarding the establishment of new Irish medium primary and post-primary schools in Dublin city; whether her Department has assessed projected demand for more Gaelcholáistí in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17173/26]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has conducted or commissioned any recent analysis of parental demand for Irish medium education in Dublin city and nationally; if so, if she will provide details of the methodology and findings of such analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17174/26]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether consideration is being given to legislative measures to support a systematic and long-term expansion of Irish medium education, including the establishment of new schools rather than reliance solely on the expansion of existing provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17175/26]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the forward planning section of her Department incorporates Irish medium provision into its school place planning for Dublin city and other urban areas; whether specific targets exist for the growth of Gaelscoileanna and Gaelcholáistí under the National Development Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17176/26]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has examined proposals to provide a statutory right to education through the medium of Irish where sufficient parental demand exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17177/26]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department intends to publish a multi annual strategy setting out clear timelines, targets and capital allocations for the expansion of Irish medium education in north Dublin and nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17178/26]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of Gaelcholáistí, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17179/26]

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

\*533. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the proposed increases to An Post pensioner payments will be implemented. — Shane Moynihan. [17148/26]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps his Department is taking to support wider diversity and participation in sport from underrepresented groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [17204/26]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has concerns regarding the planned Ireland v Israel Nations League fixtures; the engagement his Department has had with the FAI on the fixtures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [17205/26]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department or Sport Ireland has received complaints or representations in the past three years about community access to publicly funded sports facilities in Dublin; if so, the number received; the issues raised; the action that was taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17226/26]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the national funding or grants that are available to a local football club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16213/26]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the community sport facilities fund 2026 will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16310/26]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress being made to address the extremely poor mobile phone reception across County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16317/26]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 31 of 7 April 2025, to address the poor mobile phone reception in an area in County Kerry (details supplied); if a detailed progress report will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16318/26]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 381 of 12 February 2026, the timeline for the payment of the pension increase for An Post retired workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [16329/26]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has reviewed the funding uptake in both rounds of the LSSIF in light of Covid restrictions and subsequent building inflation difficulties for applicants; and to provide a county-by-county breakdown of funds drawn down compared to funds awarded for both rounds, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [16449/26]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport in light of a negotiated pay increase of seven percent for An Post pensioners, and with all due diligence completed, the reason the payment has not yet been signed off on at Ministerial level; the timeline for when he intends to conclude this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16453/26]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by

his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16546/26]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16564/26]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16581/26]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeframe for the application portal to open for the sports capital grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [16632/26]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when retired An Post Workers (details supplied) will receive their pension increase which was agreed with the CWU and to date has not been paid to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16648/26]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the precise opening date in February 2026 for the next round of the Community Sport Facilities Fund; whether the scheme guidelines have been finalised; and if he will publish the final guidelines in advance of the scheme opening. — Ken O'Flynn. [16716/26]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport what objective criteria will be used in the February 2026 round of the Community Sport Facilities Fund to identify "under-invested" areas and sports; whether a county-by-county capital allocation analysis from previous rounds informed this targeting; and if he will publish that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [16717/26]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the maximum grant thresholds that will apply in the February 2026 round of the Community Sport Facilities Fund for local, regional and equipment-only applications; whether match funding requirements will differ from the 2023 round; and whether any reduced match requirement will apply to smaller or rural clubs. — Ken O'Flynn. [16718/26]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a county-by-county breakdown of approvals under the 2023 round of the Community Sport Facilities Fund,

including total funding approved, number of successful applications, total applications received, and the average grant awarded per county, in tabular form. — Ken O’Flynn. [16719/26]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the statutory or regulatory basis under which pension increases under the Eircom Superannuation Defined Benefit Scheme require approval from his Department; whether such approval is mandated by primary legislation, secondary legislation, shareholder governance arrangements, or administrative protocol; the date on which the most recent 2.1 percent pension increase proposal was received by his Department; the date on which it was forwarded to the Minister for Finance; and the expected date of final approval and payment to pensioners. — Ken O’Flynn. [16735/26]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to confirm that retired An Post workers are due a pension increase, as this has been agreed but has not yet been delivered; when the increase will be given, if it will be backdated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [16823/26]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps being taken to ensure that capital investment in sports facilities is reaching grassroots and community clubs in a timely manner; the measurable targets in place to address reported funding shortfalls and facility backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [16887/26]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way his Department balances funding allocations between elite sport and grassroots participation programmes; and the proportion of overall sports funding allocated to each in the most recent financial year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [16888/26]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the oversight and compliance mechanisms that are in place to ensure that sporting bodies in receipt of public funding adhere to governance, transparency and safeguarding standards; and if he will provide details of any sanctions applied in cases of non-compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [16889/26]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the specific measures being taken to ensure that funding for arts and cultural organisations, particularly in rural and regional areas, is distributed equitably; and if he will provide details of any delays or funding shortfalls reported in the current financial year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [16890/26]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the oversight mechanisms that exist to ensure that public funding for major cultural and heritage projects is spent efficiently and transparently; and if he will provide details of any projects where governance or accountability issues have been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [16891/26]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when his Department intends to publish a detailed breakdown of the additional €600,000 allocated to an organisation (details supplied), specifying the programme areas to which the funding will apply and the outputs expected in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [16904/26]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department intends to undertake an assessment of the need to expand a network (details supplied) to strengthen the promotion of Irish culture nationwide; whether Kildare North will be considered as a potential location in any such assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [16905/26]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the options available to residents in an estate (details supplied) regarding broadband services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16992/26]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of any existing difficulties in the rollout of the National Broadband Ireland (NBI) campaign due to overlap between legacy infrastructure problems and commercial provider coverage; if he is aware of any measures or alternatives for residents who have issues with establishing a connection resulting from 'direct buried ducting'; if he is aware of any reported difficulties in the NBI rollout in north County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17041/26]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide the required information to an organisation in respect of an allocation under a previous round of funding under the Sports Capital Programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17055/26]

\*565. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt in ainneoin go bhfuil cinneadh déanta aige gan comóradh Stáit a eagrú i gcumhne ar éalú an tseisir Fíníní ó Charcair Fremantle in Iarthar na hAstráile 150 bliain ó shin ar bord an long Catalpa, an bhfuil sé i gceist ag an Stát an t-éacht cróga seo a chomóradh le hócáid ar bith i bhforas cultúrtha náisiúnta ar dháta an éalaithe i mí Aibreáin nó ar an dáta a tháinig siad i dtír i Nua Eabhrac i mí Lúnasa 1876; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17151/26]

\*566. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt an bhfuil sé ar an eolas i dtaobh cad a tharla don bhratach, nó cá bhfuil an bhratach, a bhí ar foluain ar an long Catalpa le linn na heachtra agus í agus an criú ag saoradh seisear Fíníní Míleata óna bpríosúnacht i gCarcair Fremantle in Iarthar na hAstráile agus á dtógáil slán go Nua Eabhrac, SAM, in 1876, agus ar bratach í a bhronn duine d'Óglaigh 1916, Joe Clarke, ar Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann thar ceann Chlann na nGael Philidelphia, SAM, i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 1972 le bheith ar taispeáint mar chuid den bhailiúchán náisiúnta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17152/26]

\*567. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt an eol dó an bhfuil an Leabharlann Náisiúnta chun na doiciméid atá ina seilbh agus a bhaineann leis eachtra dhána ina ndearna na Fíníní an long Catalpa a chur go hIarthar na hAstráile chun seisear 'Fíníní Míleata' a shaoradh óna bpríosúnacht i gCarcair Fremantle agus iad a thionlacan slán go Nua Eabhrac, SAM, 150 bliain ó shin in 1876 a chur ar taispeáint sa Leabharlann nó taispeántas taistil a dhéanamh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17154/26]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the local campaign in Booterstown, County Dublin calling for the provision of a public swimming pool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [17164/26]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the merits of developing a public swimming pool in Booterstown, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [17165/26]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the process for the provision of a public pool; the way this can be initiated and supported at a local level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [17166/26]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any grant funding that is available to support the provision of a local swimming pool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [17167/26]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for a detailed update on the National Counter Disinformation Strategy and its operation to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17217/26]

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

\*573. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the 20,000 population threshold area will be determined with regard to the new short-term letting regulations; if specific maps or guidelines will be published; whether a “grandfathering” clause will be included and what criteria will apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16185/26]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the new short-term letting regulations, whether a requirement to obtain commercial planning permission for a property will mean it will become liable for commercial rates; if commercial planning is granted for a short-term let, will there be a clear and straightforward process to revert the property to residential use in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16191/26]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is considering increasing the threshold for the cost rental income assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16194/26]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the local authorities now operating the choice-based letting system for the advertising of available social housing units within local authorities and approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [16211/26]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on an affordable housing scheme in Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [16212/26]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the HAP limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [15628/26]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on HAP and RAS tenancies in Dublin city in each year since 2011, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [16315/26]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider expanding the “Fresh Start Principle” to include individuals who have experienced credit damage

arising out of a separation or divorce but are now financially stable for the purpose of mortgage applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16330/26]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to advise on a policy issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16331/26]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the sectoral adaptation plan for Built Environment and Planning (2025-2030) has not yet been published; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [16377/26]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all designated conservation areas across the State, by location and the local authority under whose remit they fall. — Sorca Clarke. [16384/26]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities under the housing adaptation grant approve and fund modular bathroom pods where they are deemed the most appropriate method to meet the applicant’s needs, and in a timely manner, given they already pay for stairlifts which are modular and temporary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [16395/26]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process that was put in place to arrange for property registered to Cork County Council to be transferred to Cork City Council after the extension of the city boundary; the reason three houses in an area (details supplied) which have been vacant for over ten years remain registered to Cork County Council but are not in Cork City Council area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16452/26]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses occupied by bats in County Kerry that are designated as bat roosts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16454/26]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to introduce a scheme that would allow local authorities to facilitate the exchange of a privately owned larger dwelling for a smaller local authority property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16456/26]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities that own land for house building are liable for the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16457/26]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of WTE qualified entomologists employed by his Department as of 24 February 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16507/26]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is considering a new phase of supports for existing cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme applicants, as per correspondence issued to said applicants; the stage this consideration is at; when applicants will be informed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16510/26]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm if individuals may avail of Government schemes such as the help-to-buy scheme, and first home scheme when purchasing a modular home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [16541/26]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16554/26]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16572/26]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16589/26]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been any assessment in relation to purchasing the lands included within the SAAO at St. Edmundsbury/Woodville and elsewhere along the Liffey Valley as part of plans to expand the National Parks and Wildlife Service's land ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [16624/26]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the legislative or Departmental guidelines regarding the restructuring of legacy shared ownership loans into annuity loans; if he is aware of cases where local authorities have failed to process restructuring applications for several years, leading to the 'expiry' of the loan through no fault of the borrower; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [16650/26]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering an update or review of the septic tank grant, given the amount of ground water in the State over the past number of months and the very negative effect that this may have on old tanks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16660/26]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if approved housing bodies must carry a sinking fund for repair of their housing stock; the solutions where such a fund may not be available for many urgent repairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16661/26]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up to date position on an infrastructural project in County Kildare (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16664/26]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Government the total number of properties acquired by local authorities under the local authority tenant-in-situ scheme, broken down by county, for 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16668/26]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 766 of 17 February 2026, his views on whether public sector job applicants that are coming from the private sector are disadvantaged in terms of requiring new hires to start at the bottom of the pay scale; his views on whether this acts as a barrier to unfair competition compared to internal hires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16680/26]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will overhaul the built heritage investment scheme run by his Department, in view of the fact that this year, very few vernacular buildings received grant funding, so that vernacular buildings would have their own particular grant scheme, similar to years up to and including 2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [16682/26]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any supports available to homeowners who have become disabled after purchasing their home and are struggling with mortgage payments as a result of a change in income; if not, if he is considering enacting supports of this nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16683/26]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the present guidance for gardeners on hedge management; whether small-scale hedge trimming is prohibited between the 1 March and 31 August under section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976, or whether this activity falls under the exceptions for agriculture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16684/26]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of active HAP tenancies with a breakdown by local authority area and an average HP payment per month in each local authority area, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16685/26]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units delivered through the local infrastructure housing activation fund broken down by year in tabular form since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16692/26]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual spend by his Department on the tenant-in-situ scheme for each year from 2020 to 2025; and the number of units purchased under this scheme in each year, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [16693/26]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the defective concrete blocks grant scheme complies with the State’s current building regulations and the EU’s revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive in that the defective concrete blocks

grant scheme only adheres to the 2007 Building Regulations for the purposes of eligible costs, incentivising fossil fuel boilers. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [16872/26]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage where a person who purchased a local authority affordable home but has since identified structural issues or quality issues with said house should report these issues; the remedies that are available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16924/26]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is an audit process in place between his Department and the local authorities setting out the time from which a property is completed and ready to occupy to the time that the property is then made available to those who are on the housing waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16970/26]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the implementation of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 2024 to earmark certain cost rental units for local key workers; the number of units his Department intends to earmark for key workers per year; the location of the housing units; the cost per unit; the timeline for when these units will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [17012/26]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is considering the introduction of emergency legislation to reform or overhaul the current planning system in light of the urgent need to accelerate the delivery of critical national infrastructure, including healthcare, housing and transport projects; the specific measures under consideration to address delays and legal bottlenecks within the planning framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17036/26]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters Regulations in the context of the Nitrates Action Programme to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17099/26]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the income limit for the cost rental tenant-in-situ scheme to assist tenants who are just over the current limit and ensure that they can be prevented from homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17101/26]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that a package of social housing reforms, including a social housing passport to allow households move from one local authority waiting list to another which were in the Programme for Government for the 33rd Dáil and has not been included for the Programme for Government for the 34th Dáil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [17109/26]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which he can assist older people who are eligible for the defective concrete block grant scheme but who are unable to uproot at this advanced stage of their lives; if he will consider allowing them to transfer their eligibility on to a beneficiary in their will, or to a purchaser who has paid the fair market price to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17131/26]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all tier 3 and tier 2 AHBs, stating each AHB's total owned social and cost rental housing stock, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17147/26]

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

\*618. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to ensure that cultural awareness and anti-racism training is made mandatory for all staff working in employment activation and support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [16958/26]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated first and full year cost of increasing the threshold of WFP by 30%. — Louise O'Reilly. [16174/26]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans in place to reduce the number of years that a carer must care for in order to receive the carer's pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16184/26]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department can be flexible when considering an application (details supplied); and if he will consider amending the relevant legislation to ensure that women born before 1946 are eligible for the home carer scheme. — Ann Graves. [16237/26]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a fuel allowance application (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [16385/26]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of mothers who accessed parents benefit in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Emer Currie. [16406/26]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of fathers who accessed parents benefit in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Emer Currie. [16407/26]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of mothers who accessed maternity benefit in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Emer Currie. [16408/26]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications, approvals and refusals for exceptional needs payments (additional needs payments) processed by the Community Welfare Service, broken down by county, for each of the years 2021 to 2025 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [16424/26]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total expenditure on exceptional needs payments (additional needs payments) by county, for each of the years 2021 to 2025, inclusive; the average payment awarded in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [16426/26]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the purpose of the proposed new registration (amendment) Bill described in the Spring Legislative Programme as developing amendments to further support the operation of the Civil Registration Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [16518/26]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will reconsider the decision of his Department to refuse an exemption to a person in receipt of invalidity pension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [16535/26]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the residents in a location (details supplied) are eligible for the emergency response payment; if the emergency response payment will cover costs associated with the damage caused to their cars and personal items contained within, as a result of the underground carpark flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [16539/26]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16558/26]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16576/26]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16593/26]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available to a person (details supplied) in a pensions matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16639/26]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans to examine the health and local employment benefits of broadening the hot school meal programme to community initiatives and community kitchens. — Ivana Bacik. [16679/26]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received for disability allowance in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to-date in 2026; the number approved; the number refused; and the approval rate in each year, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [16711/26]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of disability allowance by primary medical condition category in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will provide the percentage increase or decrease in each category over that period. — Ken O'Flynn. [16712/26]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average duration of time recipients have remained on disability allowance; the number of recipients on the scheme for more than five years; and the annual exit rate from the scheme in each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [16713/26]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any internal administrative guidance, medical assessment protocols, or decision-making frameworks relating to eligibility for disability allowance have been amended, revised, or updated since 1 January 2020; and if so, if he will outline the nature and date of those revisions. — Ken O’Flynn. [16714/26]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated gross annual expenditure on disability allowance in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and the projected expenditure for 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [16715/26]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an up-to-date public services card can be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [16990/26]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the ongoing ‘cost-of-disability payment’ consultation includes consideration of additional payments to pensioners with disabilities who do not currently receive an additional support in recognition of their higher costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16991/26]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding payments to a category of persons who are currently in receipt of a State payment and will be transferring to the State Pension (Non-Contributory) (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17003/26]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application (details supplied) for carer’s leave benefit can be granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [17102/26]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application (details supplied) for the bereaved partners contributory pension can be reviewed and awarded given that the applicant has demonstrated and provided all possible evidence that they co-habited with their partner for in excess of five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [17132/26]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to advise when in March/April 2026 the fuel allowance payment will be made to working family payment recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17160/26]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware of any information/notice or circular being issued by his Department to HSE-funded health and social care services (details supplied) pertaining to possible changes to means testing of residents in receipt of a social welfare payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [17169/26]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Government is actively considering any changes to means testing of a social welfare payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [17234/26]

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

\*649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review the case of a person (details supplied) who was granted international protection status but has been unable to register for an Irish residence permit due to technical issues with the online system; if alternative arrangements, including a manual registration appointment, can be facilitated in such circumstances; the steps being taken to address technical barriers within the registration system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16207/26]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the success of the pilot scheme titled 4empowerment; if he is aware of an application for a scheme that has been submitted via the Uplift project based in County Donegal; when a decision will be made on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16255/26]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an IRP renewal application will be processed and the IRP card issued (details supplied) given it is over ten-weeks since the application was submitted, and the applicant urgently requires a valid in-date IRP card when attending a Schengen visa appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16309/26]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Garda command and control vehicles that came into fleet in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026; and the number of Garda command and control vehicles that were withdrawn from the fleet during same period, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [16340/26]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Gardaí (transfer or newly attested) to County Roscommon in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16381/26]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new community Gardaí (transfer or newly attested) to County Roscommon in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [16382/26]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 27 January 2026, to confirm that according to the CSO, the number of people estimated to reside within the State who originated from outside the UK and the EU27 has risen from 168,700 in April 2019 to 426,400 in April 2025, a net increase of approximately 257,700; his views on whether it is sustainable for a number of people greater than the population of Cork city to migrate into Ireland from outside the UK or the EU in just a five-year period. — Carol Nolan. [16390/26]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 832 of 4 February 2026 if the necessary information has been provided to him from Garda Authorities to answer this question. — Alan Kelly. [16494/26]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 830 of 4 February 2026 if the necessary information has been provided to him from Garda Authorities to answer this question. — Alan Kelly. [16495/26]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 831 of 4 February 2026 if the necessary information has been provided to him from Garda Authorities to answer this question. — Alan Kelly. [16496/26]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to introduce a bridging right to work for international graduates (details supplied) on Stamp 1G who have submitted valid, in-time extension applications, similar to maintained status in Canada, Section 3C leave in the United Kingdom, Bridging Visa A in Australia, and interim visa arrangements in New Zealand. — Paul Donnelly. [16514/26]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16555/26]

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\*662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16590/26]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he or his Department was informed in advance by British authorities about the introduction of live facial recognition technology at Holyhead. — Paul Murphy. [16620/26]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if Britain will continue to be designated as a safe third country following the enactment of the International Protection Bill 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16669/26]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is currently in negotiations or discussions with any campaign or group of asylum applicants who have received deportation orders; if he will detail what these negotiations or discussions are about, and what is being sought; and if he will ensure that the law is implemented in each situation. — Peadar Tóibín. [16681/26]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has issued any policy guidance, circulars, statutory codes or administrative instructions concerning the classification and statistical reporting of offences under section 24 of the Protected

Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022; whether his Department has undertaken any review of the adequacy of national reporting mechanisms for such offences since enactment; and whether legislative amendment is under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [16704/26]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the statistical and reporting framework relied upon by his Department for compiling figures on referrals and prosecutions under section 24 of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022; whether those figures are drawn from offences recorded under a distinct legislative code within national reporting systems; and whether he is satisfied that current categorisation arrangements ensure complete and accurate reporting to the Oireachtas. — Ken O’Flynn. [16705/26]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a company (details supplied) was paid more in asylum accommodation payments for the last quarter of 2025 than it was in the last quarter of 2024, given that the State purchased both the Citywest Hotel and Convention Centre, which make up the greater part of the accommodation supplied by the former owner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16839/26]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way the State’s purchase of the Citywest Hotel and Convention Centre can be justified as a saving in public funding given that the former owners continue to be paid for the provision of accommodation, and at a higher level than before the sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16840/26]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm when a citizenship application will be completed, in view that the application (details supplied) was first lodged in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16874/26]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he can ensure officials finalise a contract and payment through the Ukrainian accommodation scheme (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [16882/26]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 746 of 24 February 2026, the number of instances where concerns regarding a renewal application were raised by his officials; the number of in-person renewals that were conducted to assess original copies of documents before completing the application; the number of instances where it was found that someone has presented fraudulent documentation relating to their online renewal and an investigation was initiated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [16893/26]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm that his Department have carried out a full review of the possible future use of the Old Cork Prison which is now vacant for a number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [16972/26]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average cost to the State of a murder prosecution and trial. — Tom Brabazon. [17002/26]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to significant delays in an Irish Embassy in processing visas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [17007/26]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to the engagement of his officials before the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee (details supplied), if it is now his intention to not provide a domestic violence refuge centre in County Cavan; if he will outline those counties for which he does not intend to provide a domestic violence refuge centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17021/26]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the counties in which domestic violence refuge centres are present; the counties in which he intends to establish same; the timeframe in which it is intended to establish same; the capacity in each case, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17022/26]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the counties in which safe home projects are present; the counties in which he plans to establish same; the timeframe in which it is intended to establish same; the capacity in each case, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17023/26]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a citizenship application for a person (details supplied); when a decision will be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17039/26]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a citizenship application for a person (details supplied); when a decision will be reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17040/26]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department intends to consult with the further education sector prior to making any policy changes in relation to international language students and stamp 2 permissions. — Mairéad Farrell. [17056/26]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time of applications for international protection in the years 2020 to date in 2026, by quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17119/26]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeline for the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17214/26]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to detail ongoing engagements with European colleagues to tackle cyber-crime and online extremism; the way in which these interactions are to be strengthened in the Third National Cyber Security Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17215/26]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of new Garda cars and vans allocated to Garda R and J districts of DMR in 2025 and to-date in 2026; and the number of Garda cars and vans withdrawn from these districts during same period, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [17231/26]

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

\*686. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department collaborates with the Department of Transport to identify horse welfare breaches occurring on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16289/26]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any of the €4 million in equine funding awarded to charities involved in the care and welfare of horses is specifically earmarked for the seizure or rehabilitation of horses involved in illegal road racing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16290/26]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a grant application (details supplied) will be processed and awarded as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16338/26]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of WTE qualified entomologists employed by his Department as of 24 February 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16508/26]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 455 of 19 February 2026, if he will provide the information requested, for the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [16519/26]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the lime subsidy scheme; if he will consider reintroducing this scheme for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [16520/26]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that valais blacknose ovine semen is being imported from the UK that does meet Scrapie 1 regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16526/26]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Ireland is registering valais blacknose sheep that are the progeny of UK sheep who do not meet the Scrapie 1 regulations; and are bred using imported ovine semen. — Martin Kenny. [16527/26]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is illegal to import ovine semen that does not meet Scrapie 1 regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16528/26]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is concerned that ovine semen from animals that do not meet Scrapie 1 regulations is being imported into the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16529/26]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has contacted those breeders who are registered with an organisation (details supplied) as having valais blacknose sheep that are not meeting Scrapie 1 regulations to determine where they received the ovine semen to breed these sheep. — Martin Kenny. [16530/26]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the continuation of breeding of sheep with ovine semen that does not meet Scrapie 1 will affect Ireland's scrapie status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16531/26]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16543/26]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16561/26]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis for compensation levels regarding bovine viral diarrhoea; when current compensation levels were set; when they were last reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [16598/26]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how the proposal of Minister of State Healy-Rea at his Department concerning changing the definition of a farmer to allow people to claim increased forestry premiums will affect discussions and negotiations in defining an active farmer for the purposes of CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16676/26]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address gaps in enforcement relating to urban horse control and animal welfare, following a recent incident in which a pregnant horse collapsed and died on a public road; the agency which has responsibility for out of hours intervention where there are risks to public safety, criminality or animal welfare; whether he will consider establishing a coordinated multi agency response with clear statutory responsibilities for urban equine enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16846/26]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual total amount of forestry premiums paid to individual farmers, private companies, Coillte, and any other entities for each of the years 2020 to 2025. — Martin Kenny. [16911/26]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares of forestry owned by individual farmers, private companies, Coillte and any other entities at present. — Martin Kenny. [16912/26]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares of forestry owned by individual farmers, private companies, Coillte and any other entities that was clear felled between 2020 and 2025. — Martin Kenny. [16913/26]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of any egg shortages in supermarkets in Waterford or nationally. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17112/26]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the pressures facing producers, particularly in relation to rising feed, energy, labour and packaging costs. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17113/26]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount by which input costs for egg producers have risen in the past five years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17114/26]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average increase in farm-gate returns for egg producers in the past five years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17115/26]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average increase in egg prices on supermarket shelves in the past five years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17116/26]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the next tranche of the ACRES will open for applications, specifically in relation to new entrants and farmers who were unable to access the previous intake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [17149/26]

\*712. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cá mhéad long nó bád eachtranach a stopadh nó a gabhadh de thairbhe iad a bheith ag iascaireacht go neamhdhleathach le cúig bliana anuas; cad é an toradh ar gach cás. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17210/26]

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

\*713. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a behavioural therapist will be in place in CDNT9; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16436/26]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address the issues raised (details supplied) and give a full and comprehensive plan to the family. — Michael Cahill. [16976/26]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 846 of 24 February 2026, the specific legal basis of the assertion that parents bear a lifetime and or indefinite legal responsibility for adult children with intellectual disabilities; if this legal basis is statutory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [17018/26]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the date on which the proposed respite centre in Carrick on Shannon, County Leitrim is scheduled to commence construction and development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17170/26]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of family resource centres currently funded nationally; the plans in place to expand the family resource centre programme in 2026; the locations under consideration for inclusion; specifically, whether Balbriggan family resource centre, County Dublin, is being considered for inclusion, given its significant population growth and identified levels of deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16196/26]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when she intends for pay transparency for salaries on job advertisements to be introduced; if she expects for this to be in place by 1 June 2026; whether this can be requested of employers prior to legal imposition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16208/26]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the campaign organised on behalf of people suffering from a condition called Fragile X Syndrome and other intellectual disabilities called the Before I Die campaign; if she proposes to meet with this organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16226/26]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on any engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to treatment for people suffering from a condition called Fragile X Syndrome; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16228/26]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update regarding the implementation of the recommendations in the Disability Action Plan 2024-2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16229/26]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update regarding work ongoing to support people with intellectual disabilities when their parents have passed away or are otherwise unable to meet their care needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16230/26]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16254/26]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will make appropriate funding available for school-age childcare with additional needs, as currently there is funding available for preschool-age children through the AIM and AIM Plus programmes, subsidising up to 30-hours-per-week, but once a child transitions to primary school, this funding completely ceases, despite their care needs remaining the same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [16258/26]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to parliamentary Question No. 117 on 19 February 2026, if she will engage with the Minister for Finance regarding supports for families employing a childminder explicitly within the family home through the tax credit system as an interim measure before the extension of the NCS to childminding, in light of complexities (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16325/26]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a child (details supplied) referred to CDNT4 in 2022 and identified in March 2024 as requiring speech and language therapy has not yet received intervention; the steps that will be taken to ensure that this child is urgently assessed and provided with appropriate speech and language therapy supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [16332/26]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if urgent assistance can be provided to a family in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16349/26]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently arrange the necessary services required by a child (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16363/26]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when St. Joseph's Baby Home in Stamullen, County Meath and Temple Hill Hospital in Blackrock, County Dublin will be added to Schedule 1 of the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Act 2023; and if she will consider expanding the scheme to cover all who spent time in mother and baby institutions. — Holly Cairns. [16365/26]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider conducting a review into the administration of the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; and if so, if she will engage with survivors on their experience of the redress scheme. — Holly Cairns. [16366/26]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if an action (details supplied) contained in the 2025 HIQA Child Protection and Welfare Inspection Report for Tusla Dublin north city can be reviewed in terms of the potential consequences of a staff member in Tusla who is not qualified; what this means for oversight and management in this Tusla division; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16370/26]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of a complaint made by a parent (details supplied) following the actions of an unqualified person in Tusla in dealing with a vulnerable child; the actions that will be taken to ensure this never happens again; if she is assured of the structural changes being made by Tusla which will see non-qualified staff to undertake social worker duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16371/26]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on whether suggestions that the changes being made internally by Tusla in relation to staffing and structures will see non-qualified staff members undertaking social worker duties; the basis for this suggestion that is coming from professionals (details supplied); the way in which she will ensure this does not happen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16375/26]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of speech and language assessment for a child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [16378/26]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to the continuation of the South Traveller Action Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16387/26]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will engage with the South Traveller Action Group (STAG) in relation to concerns for the viability of the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16388/26]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of Ireland's progress and performance in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of people with Disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16451/26]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE psychologists by grade posts filled at each CDNT within CHO3 as of 24 February 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16497/26]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the vacancy rate for CDNTs in CHO3 as of 31 December 2025. — Alan Kelly. [16498/26]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by her Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16544/26]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide the web link to her Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16562/26]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm, in respect of her Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether her Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16579/26]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people with intellectual difficulties awaiting residential services across the State, broken down by CHO region, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [16600/26]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage and number of women that availed of their full entitlement of maternity leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16671/26]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage and number of women that availed of their full entitlement of parents leave in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [16672/26]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans over the course of this Government to increase paid leave for new parents and the rate of payment they receive from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [16694/26]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the profound worry parents of children with intellectual and other disabilities face when they consider the future and what may happen to their children and who will care for them when they cannot, especially disabled children with no siblings or wider support network; the key aspects of the Disability Action Plan (2024-2026) in relation to the 900 additional places to address the demographic need by 2026 and, in addition, inform worried parents what will happen to their disabled children beyond this date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16860/26]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of job placements and sustained employment outcomes achieved in each of the past three years by organisations funded through her Department to support autistic adults, including an organisation (details supplied), in tabular form; the level of funding provided to each such organisation over the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16868/26]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on a Tusla application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16873/26]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a child (details supplied) on a waiting list for the disability network team for occupational therapy will receive an appointment. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16884/26]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports available for parents/children while awaiting disability network team services given the length of time before they can be seen. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16885/26]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the ongoing case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [16894/26]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a child (details supplied) in Cork will receive a device; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [16897/26]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether providers delivering the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme only, are liable for commercial rates; to indicate if any assessment has been undertaken regarding the financial sustainability of ECCE-only services in light of commercial rates and other overhead costs; to clarify whether services who are permitted to charge parents for an additional 30 minutes outside of the ECCE session are also liable for commercial rates; if she considers the current funding model adequate to ensure the viability of such services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16914/26]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of respite hours currently available to adults in County Kilkenny; the type of respite provided; the number who availed of this service in the years of 2024 and 2025; the number of persons on the waiting list to access this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [16916/26]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of persons aged under 18 who are on an autism assessment waiting list in County Carlow; the length of time they have been on the waiting list in 2023 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [16922/26]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the capital funding supports currently available to early years providers and crèches seeking to expand their premises in order to accommodate additional childcare places; and whether any funding streams exist to assist with the purchase or provision of temporary accommodation while permanent structures are being planned or constructed. — Mattie McGrath. [16961/26]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of occupational therapist posts within the CDNT in Longford and Westmeath; the number of these posts that are currently vacant; the steps being taken to fill these vacancies in order to reduce waiting lists for occupational therapy services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16985/26]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [16986/26]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the safeguarding measures that are currently in place for individuals living in residential disability services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [17008/26]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in the instance where a PPP account is held by the HSE on behalf of an individual who is in long-term residential care, whether the individual can appoint parents, who have been lifelong carers, as a decision support to view how much money is in the account, as a safeguarding measure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [17009/26]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to provide support in facilitating an independent review of the governance and communication structures within disability day services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17038/26]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has developed projections for average childcare costs per month over the coming years based on current policy work and planned reforms; if these projections are available, by year and type of service that is, full-time, part-time, ECCE, and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17052/26]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has modelled the likely average annual cost of childcare that parents should expect over the next five years; the assumptions used in these projections; and if she will provide the latest figures and timelines for this modelling, in tabular form. — Barry Heneghan. [17053/26]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether, in the context of ongoing childcare reform work, her Department has produced estimates for the average parent which will pay for childcare per month and per year in the short to medium term; the way these estimates will compare to current average costs; and if she will publish this, in tabular form. — Barry Heneghan. [17054/26]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has considered the views of ‘An Independent Review of the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme in Ireland’ in relation to the impact of the rigid age eligibility for the ECCE programme; if her attention has been drawn to the review’s suggestion for a degree of flexibility, especially for children who are just missing out on the cut-off age; if she will examine the flexibility referenced in the review in the North of Ireland and Scotland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17100/26]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a plot (details supplied) has only been part excavated, will the Minister re-examine this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17130/26]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm the membership of the committee responsible for the adjudication of sites for the State-led provision of childcare and early years education services; the number of times it has met since its inception; the number of applications it has adjudicated on and the location of same. — Aidan Farrelly. [17161/26]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress of the implementation of a single agency for early years and school age care. — Aidan Farrelly. [17162/26]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE senior work practitioner posts that was filled at Kilbarrack children’s disability network team as of 23 February 2026, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [17232/26]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE senior work practitioner posts that were filled at Coolock children’s disability network team as of 23 February 2026, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [17233/26]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Section 39 pay restoration for organisations funded by her Department; the reason workers in an organisation (details supplied) funded by her Department have received only one round of restoration while HSE-funded colleagues have received full restoration and scheduled increases; her plans to ensure full parity of pay and eliminate the resulting disparity among staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [16619/26]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health if a referral for an autism assessment could take place sooner than the current waiting time (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16675/26]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland will leverage its upcoming Presidency of the EU to spotlight a collaborative effort across the EU to eradicate HIV as a public health threat by 2030, given previous success by Ireland in this public health area through the Dublin Declaration in 2004; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17035/26]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the regulation of the advertising and promotion of infant and follow-on formula both in traditional media and online; the actions she will take to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16469/26]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health if there is scope for discretionary medical cards to be granted more consistently in cases of chronic illness, or for broader reform of the medical card system; the specific criteria used in assessing eligibility for discretionary medical cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16214/26]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health if the monthly threshold under the drug payment scheme limit will be reviewed again in the near future (details supplied); if not, if additional flexibility will be applied on a case-by-case basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16215/26]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health to address matters concerning IBD care (details supplied) which extends beyond gastroenterologists and specialist nurses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16216/26]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding treatment for people suffering from a condition called Fragile X Syndrome; if this is under review within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16227/26]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the provision of basic minor-injury treatment services in primary care and out-of-hours services such as Caredoc, rather than directing such cases to emergency departments; if she accepts that patients presenting with minor injuries to emergency departments contributes to overcrowding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [16231/26]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors who qualified in each of the years 2024 and 2025; the number of those graduates who subsequently entered employment within the Irish Health Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [16236/26]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the ongoing delays for patients seeking GP appointments at a particular primary care centre, where waiting times of up to two weeks are common; if she is further aware that elderly patients with scheduled appointments are often waiting over an hour beyond their allotted time with no prior notice; the measures being taken to address GP capacity pressures in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [16243/26]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health if there is only one MS nurse for the whole of Connacht, if it is acknowledged that this is not enough; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [16252/26]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is currently a registrar in post in the Tralee Civil Registration Office; if not, the reason an interim or deputy registrar has not been appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16256/26]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements that are currently in place in County Kerry to ensure the timely registration of deaths; whether the Civil Registration Office in Killarney is now operating as the principal office for the county; whether its current opening hours are sufficient to meet demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16257/26]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is developing a vaccine injury scheme; if so, the details of this scheme; the way in which a person can apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16286/26]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of findings by public health expert (details supplied) two years ago which pointed to the need for a full occupational cohort study of mortality in the Air Corps; whether they have been asked to carry out such a study by the Defence Forces or the Department of Defence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16292/26]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of families of people suffering from Friedrichs ataxia in relation to the difficulty in obtaining treatment in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16311/26]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any research into the cost of annual treatment for a patient suffering from Friedrichs ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16312/26]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any research being carried out into the viability of providing treatment for people suffering from Friedrichs ataxia in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16313/26]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with families or support groups for people suffering from Friedrichs ataxia in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16314/26]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for each of the six long-Covid clinics; the funding that has been allocated annually to long-Covid services and research since 2021; the interim supports that exist for patients who are unable to access specialist clinics; the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure hospitals such as St. Vincent's University Hospital and St. James's Hospital are implementing the long-Covid Model of Care consistently; the national data being collected on the prevalence and severity of long-Covid; and when will this be publicly available. — Pat Buckley. [16316/26]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans reduce the cost of the shingles vaccine for State pensioners and those who cannot afford the cost of the vaccine at the moment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16326/26]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update and timeline on the introduction of spinal muscular atrophy screening into Ireland's newborn screening programme. — Tom Brabazon. [16335/26]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title, working in each perinatal mental health team; and the number of vacancies, by job title, currently in each perinatal mental health team, in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [16341/26]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant neurosurgeons, neurosurgeon registrars and senior house officers in neurosurgery that were on call between the hours of 8pm-8am at Beaumont Hospital for each night of the week commencing 16 February 2026, in tabular form. — Roderic O'Gorman. [16343/26]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE community development workers based at Blanchardstown Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force as of 20 February 2026, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [16345/26]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE chefs, by grade, employed by the HSE, working at St. Mary’s Hospital, Phoenix Park as of 20 February 2026, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [16346/26]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Health when the Temple Street Children’s Hospital site will be fully decanted; and the plans in place for the site afterwards; and if the HSE can engage immediately with Dublin City Council to bring together a plan for the site which addresses needs in the wider area. — Roderic O’Gorman. [16348/26]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors working for Children’s Health Ireland at consultant level who are not registered on the Medical Council’s specialist division register, by specialty, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [16352/26]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors working for Children’s Health Ireland at consultant level who are not registered on the Medical Council’s specialist division register, by location, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [16353/26]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors working for HSE statutory hospitals at consultant level who are not registered on the Medical Council’s specialist division register, by specialty, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [16354/26]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors working for public voluntary hospitals, to be requested from each, at consultant level who are not registered on the Medical Council’s specialist division register, by specialty, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [16355/26]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the adequacy of dementia and Alzheimer’s care in south Dublin; and on the need for HSE-led day care services for people with dementia in south Dublin. — Ivana Bacik. [16356/26]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to people who cannot afford the cost of residential treatment for alcohol addiction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [16357/26]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is State-funded residential treatment spaces for people who suffer an addiction to alcohol; whether there are any such spaces in treatment centres based in counties Galway, Roscommon or Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [16358/26]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Health following the findings of an audit (details supplied), the steps she is taking to ensure that all consultants practicing across the HSE, voluntary groups, and Children’s Health Ireland are appropriately registered with the Irish Medical Council; if she will conduct an audit of the unaudited Health Regions, and of Children’s Health Ireland, for compliance with legal, regulatory, and governance standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [16359/26]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently arrange the necessary services required by a child (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16361/26]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Health to review the removal of a medical card from a person (details supplied); and whether the card can be reinstated on the basis of the holder's disability. — Paul McAuliffe. [16362/26]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken to ensure that mental health services in north Tipperary are adequately resourced, in light of current deficits in psychiatry, occupational therapy and social work positions; the measures in place to recruit and retain staff across these disciplines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [16364/26]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare who has been allocated 21 hours home help but is currently only in receipt of four hours per week will receive their full allocation hours as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16372/26]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has plans to reimburse omaveloxolone, a drug used to treat Friedrichs ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [16376/26]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Health the number of trolleys currently in each accident and emergency department, by hospital; and the average length of time patients waited on a trolley in each hospital over the past 12 months. — Sorca Clarke. [16383/26]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Reference No. 371 of 11 February 2026, if a psychologist could be granted to Adult Mental Health Services in north Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16386/26]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is a national HIV strategy or national HIV action plan, separate to the National Sexual Health Action Plan and the Healthy Ireland framework; and if not, whether consideration has been given to developing a dedicated national strategy for HIV. — Martin Daly. [16391/26]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to the introduction of routine or opt-out HIV screening in emergency departments and other large acute hospital settings, in light of advances in treatment and the benefits of early diagnosis. — Martin Daly. [16392/26]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Health whether the opt-out HIV screening pilot in Saint James's Hospital has been evaluated; if so, the findings of that evaluation; and whether consideration has been given to rolling out a similar programme in other acute hospitals. — Martin Daly. [16393/26]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Health whether the national HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) programme has been reviewed in terms of accessibility and uptake; and whether consideration has been given to expanding access for groups at increased risk of HIV infection. — Martin Daly. [16394/26]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric plastic surgeons based at CHI Temple Street as of 23 February 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [16401/26]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in Kildare awaiting HSE public dental services, including special needs dentistry, as of 23 February 2026; to provide waiting times and staffing levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [16402/26]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons with a SI in shoulder and elbow surgery at the Mater Hospital as of 23 February 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [16403/26]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Health the additional staffing, vehicles and funding allocated to National Ambulance Services in 2025 and 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [16404/26]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE community mental health nurse provision, per head of population, in psychiatry of later life services in each integrated healthcare area of each health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [16413/26]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE social worker provision, per head of population, in psychiatry of later life services in each integrated healthcare area, of each health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [16414/26]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE occupational therapy provision, per head of population, in psychiatry of later life services in each integrated healthcare area of each health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [16415/26]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE psychology provision, per head of population, in psychiatry of later life services in each integrated healthcare area of each health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [16416/26]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE psychiatry provision, per head of population, in psychiatry of later life services in each integrated healthcare area of each health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [16417/26]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of approved psychiatry posts, per head of population, in psychiatry of later life services in each integrated healthcare area of each health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [16418/26]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently waiting for primary care psychology, by RHA, at the end of January 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [16433/26]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to CAMHS in January 2026; the number of children waiting longer than the recommended timeframes for assessment and treatments; the average waiting time by CHO; and the number of posts vacant at month end. — Sorca Clarke. [16434/26]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of any out-of-hours GP care and mental health services in north county Dublin Fingal; her plans to expand the provision of such care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [16441/26]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Health if supports are available to provide free travel to companions who are accompanying or caring for a person or child traveling to medical appointments in the Children's Hospital, Crumlin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [16481/26]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 145 of 20 November 2025, if she will provide an update on the project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [16483/26]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Health if private hospitals are required to inform policyholders of private health insurance if their care is covered by their health insurance, before being admitted to care; if policyholders of private health insurance are entitled to know before they are admitted to hospital the information the health insurance company have on their file, specifically if their medical record constitutes having a pre-existing condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [16485/26]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints relating to mental health services that have been submitted through the Your Service, Your Say complaints system in each of the past three years; whether any audits or reviews have been carried out on these complaints, including assessments of complainant satisfaction with the resolution process; if so, whether the findings of these audits or reviews will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [16486/26]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant dermatologist based at University Hospital Limerick as of 24 February 2026. — Alan Kelly. [16489/26]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians, physiotherapists and speech and language therapist posts filled at Nenagh Hospital as of 24 February 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [16490/26]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see a consultant ENT surgeon at Cork University Hospital; the average waiting time for same. — Alan Kelly. [16491/26]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Health the location of all minor injury units in the HSE west and north-west area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [16511/26]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the appraisal of the development of a Galway injury unit; the potential locations being considered for the unit; the services the unit could provide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [16512/26]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Health the number of submissions received by the HSE following the publication of the tender documents for the Multi-Party Framework Agreement for Civil and Structural (C&S) Services 2025 for HSE major works projects Project Type for Major capital works projects (€50M - €400M) in University Hospital Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [16513/26]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it is taking 12 months for a person (details supplied) to receive their medical records from Sligo University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [16515/26]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Health the number of rapid response vehicles in each county in each of the years 2021 to 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [16521/26]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Health when the rapid response vehicle will be re-instated in Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [16522/26]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the criteria for which the discretionary medical card can be granted; if she has considered expanding it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16524/26]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Health to outline a timeline for the delivery of the new maternity hospital for UHK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16525/26]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that the orthopaedic surgical theatre complex in Sligo University Hospital is again closed due to faulty leaking pipe work, and all surgeries cancelled; when the current orthopaedic surgical theatre will be repaired; and when the new orthopaedic surgical theatre complex will be built. — Martin Kenny. [16534/26]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used by the Health Service Executive to define and measure “success” in respect of outcomes arising from elective surgical procedures performed in public hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [16536/26]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Health Service Executive maintains a comprehensive national record of mortality and morbidity data associated with elective surgical procedures carried out within the public health system; the format in which such data are collected and reported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [16537/26]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health the formal policies, protocols, or governance frameworks in place within the Health Service Executive governing the management and remediation of complications arising from elective surgical procedures performed in Ireland, including the funding and oversight arrangements for remedial treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [16538/26]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a ten-year-old child (details supplied) has now waited over five years for an appointment to see a psychologist after first being referred in February 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [16540/26]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by her Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16553/26]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the web link to her Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16571/26]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm, in respect of her Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether her Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16588/26]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting residential treatment for drug addiction and alcohol addiction across the State, broken down by CHO region, in tabular form. — Ann Graves. [16601/26]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently intervene in the case of a person (detail supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16610/26]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the drawdown of items in Beaumont Hospital in the 2025 Capital Plan (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [16621/26]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Health to intervene in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [16626/26]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS WTE vacancies in CHO7; the length of time these roles have been vacant for; the number of patients waiting for an appointment in the area; if she will report on the recruitment campaign to fill these vacant posts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [16629/26]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Health if financial assistance can be given to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16636/26]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Health the reason it is taking so long for a child (details supplied) to receive CDNT appointments. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16641/26]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address and resolve the unfair and unprecedented change to established practice of granting contracts to persons who successfully complete training (details supplied). — Ann Graves. [16642/26]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Health if she has engaged with Epilepsy Ireland regarding their call to expand the chronic disease management programme to include epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16643/26]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the merits of expanding the chronic disease management programme to include epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16644/26]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department is reviewing the potential inclusion of Shingrix in the national immunisation programme for over 65s; if any timelines, assessments or consultations are currently underway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [16645/26]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to a case (details supplied); and if she will instruct her Department to reach out to this family and make sure the situation is resolved. — Paul Murphy. [16647/26]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider meeting with organisations (details supplied) to discuss the gaps in maternity care in Ireland, ahead of the publication of the new National Maternity Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16651/26]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the work conducted by her Department to date on updating the National Maternity Strategy; to list the individuals and organisations she has met with as part of this updated strategy; and when it is expected to see the publication of the new National Maternity Strategy. — Holly Cairns. [16652/26]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Health the current c-section rate in each maternity hospital in Ireland; if she is aware that the WHO advises a c-section rate of no more than 15%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16653/26]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing a chief midwifery officer at the executive level of the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16654/26]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to direct-entry midwifery students being unable to work in primary care centres; if she will consider rectifying this barrier to recognise the invaluable role of dedicated midwives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16655/26]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed mother and baby psychiatric unit; the location of the proposed site; the number of mother and baby units advised to be in place in Ireland per the population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [16656/26]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Health the current location and staffing levels, by role, of each postnatal hub; to indicate empty positions, if any, in each hub; and to outline the planned locations for future postnatal hubs. — Holly Cairns. [16657/26]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the proposed licensing system for retailers selling vaping products and cigarettes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [16667/26]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the inclusion of plenadren, a life-saving medication for adrenal insufficiency, under the HSE hardship fund; if she will consider the appeal case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [16674/26]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider making the drug Omaveloxolone available to the approximately 200 people in Ireland currently living with Friedreich's Ataxia, given the life-changing impact this drug can have; if she will reconsider her position that the drug is not 'economically viable', in light of the relatively small number of people whose lives can be changed by making this drug available to them; if she will consider their quality of life above the cost of the drug; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [16678/26]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Health the number of business cases for development and capital spend submitted by Saint Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; the stage each one is at in the process of consideration and approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16698/26]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified care assistants that have been Garda vetted and are available to take up duties delivering home care hours in the community, which are on the HSE panel in the CHO5 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16699/26]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the staffing levels and medical qualifications for each model 3 hospital; whether each hospital is expected to provide the same range of medical services; the steps being taken to fund model 3 hospitals that are not delivering the optimum services; the level of funding provided for each level 3 hospital in each of the last three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [16700/26]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has undertaken or commissioned any cost-effectiveness analysis comparing high-dose influenza vaccines with standard dose influenza vaccines for adults aged 65 years and over for the 2026/2027 influenza season; if so, the date on which that analysis was completed; whether it informed procurement planning for that season; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [16702/26]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has formally requested the National Immunisation Advisory Committee to review high-dose influenza vaccines since 1 January 2025; if so, the date of that request; whether a written record of the request exists; and whether any further review is currently under consideration. — Ken O'Flynn. [16703/26]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department receives regular reports from the Health Service Executive on the number, duration of vacancy, and disposal status of residential

properties owned by the HSE; the frequency of such reporting; and whether any performance indicators apply to the timely disposal of surplus residential assets. — Ken O’Flynn. [16750/26]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Health whether any target timelines exist, at Departmental or HSE level, for the disposal of residential properties deemed surplus to requirements; if not, whether she intends to introduce such timelines in light of properties vacant for periods exceeding ten years. — Ken O’Flynn. [16751/26]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department requires the HSE to centrally record and report the annual holding costs associated with vacant residential properties, including insurance, security, and maintenance; and if not, whether she considers this consistent with public financial management best practice. — Ken O’Flynn. [16752/26]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department has conducted, since 2020, any review of the HSE Protocol for the Acquisition and Disposal of Property as published in 2022, with particular regard to disposal timelines and value-for-money safeguards; and if she will provide details of any such review. — Ken O’Flynn. [16753/26]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Health for an update and projected timeline on the integrated mother and baby unit and child and adolescent mental health services inpatient facility at Saint Joseph’s Hospital, Limerick. — Sorca Clarke. [16844/26]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the eating disorder specialist hub at Mount Carmel Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [16845/26]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider expanding the chronic disease management programme to include epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [16850/26]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Health the number of newly qualified general practitioners who took up work in County Louth and East Meath in 2025 and to-date in 2026. — Joanna Byrne. [16852/26]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Louth and east Meath who were unable to find a general practitioner to register with and who made contact with the HSE seeking assistance for each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to-date 2026. — Joanna Byrne. [16853/26]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners who have retired in 2025 and 2026 in County Louth and East Meath. — Joanna Byrne. [16854/26]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners currently registered and operational in County Louth and East Meath. — Joanna Byrne. [16855/26]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of patients per head currently registered with general practitioners in County Louth and East Meath. — Joanna Byrne. [16856/26]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to extend the number of general practitioners and access to GP’s in County Louth and East Meath. — Joanna Byrne. [16857/26]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Robert Troy. [16869/26]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Health when a patient in Letterkenny University Hospital will be transferred to Beaumont Hospital for an urgent surgical procedure (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16870/26]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Health is she can outline the options for people living in Rush, Lusk, Skerries, Balbriggan and surrounding villages/areas who need access to a GP outside normal business hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16875/26]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Health if the D Doc or other out-of-hours GP service will be extended to Balbriggan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [16876/26]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to making the medication Skyclarys (omaveloxolone) available to Irish Friedreich's Ataxia patients under the current drugs reimbursement process; if she recognises the clinical necessity of this request as this drug is the only proven treatment to slow the progression of this debilitating condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [16880/26]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to increase GP recruitment and retention in areas of population growth, including Lifford, County Donegal; the supports available for those currently on GP waiting lists, or who have to wait long periods for access to a GP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [16881/26]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Health to review a decision to refuse a person (details supplied) access to CAMHS. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16883/26]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider turning a project (details supplied) into an adult service once the permanent home is up and running for children in Monaghan Town; if she will provide an update on the new respite centre for children in Monaghan Town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [16906/26]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider providing the shingles vaccine for free for persons over 65 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [16923/26]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service has asked a cohort of recently qualified paramedics to sign temporary contracts and apply for permanent jobs, rather than automatically transition into permanent positions as they have done historically; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16926/26]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is a risk some newly qualified paramedics will not be hired by the National Ambulance Service as a result of the service's new application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16927/26]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is a risk the National Ambulance Service's operations could be disrupted by staffing issues as a result of the service's new trainee application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16928/26]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Health whether it is now National Ambulance Service policy to not automatically transition newly qualified paramedics into permanent contracts upon graduation, as they have historically done so; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [16929/26]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting for autism assessment/diagnosis in each county; the number waiting three months, six months, 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years and longer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16930/26]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for autism assessment/diagnosis in each county; the number waiting three months, six months, 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years and longer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16931/26]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting for occupational therapy in each county; the number waiting three months, six months, 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years and longer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16932/26]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for occupational therapy in each county; the number waiting three months, six months, 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years and longer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16933/26]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Health to give the number of adults waiting for speech and language therapy in each county; the number waiting three months, six months, 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years and longer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16934/26]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for speech and language therapy in each county; the number waiting three months, six months, 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years and longer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16935/26]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting for psychology services in each county; the number waiting three months, six months, 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years and longer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16936/26]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for psychology services in each county; the number waiting three months, six months, 12 months, two years, three years, four years, five years, six years and longer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16937/26]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Health the current position regarding improvement works at a health centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16942/26]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the review of the medicines reimbursement process, as committed to in the Programme for Government, will commence;

whether terms of reference has been agreed; whether those terms will explicitly include the assessment and reimbursement framework for orphan medicines; when the review is expected to conclude; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [16943/26]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Health in light of Rare Disease Day taking place on 28 February, if she will commit to introducing an early access scheme in Ireland for people living with rare diseases to access EMA-approved orphan medicines; if such an early access scheme will include orphan medicines products licenced for non-oncology conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [16944/26]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Health if the Oversight Implementation Group for the National Rare Disease Strategy has been established, given that the strategy was published in August 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [16945/26]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Health when she intends to commence a review of the reimbursement process, as committed to in the Programme for Government; whether such a review will specifically include the way in which orphan medicines are assessed and reimbursed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [16948/26]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Health in light of Rare Disease Day taking place on 28 February, if she will commit to introducing an early access scheme in Ireland for people living with rare diseases to access EMA-approved orphan medicines; if such an early access scheme will include orphan medicines products licenced for non-oncology conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [16949/26]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Health if the Oversight Implementation Group for the National Rare Disease Strategy has been established, given that the Strategy was published in August 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [16950/26]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite an urgent surgical appointment at Galway University Hospital for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [16951/26]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Health to reply to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [16959/26]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the decision of the National Ambulance Service to offer 12-week temporary contracts to new graduates; the reason permanent positions have not been offered as has been the case for previous graduates; if permanent positions will be offered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [16960/26]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [16968/26]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address a matter (details supplied) and ensure a day centre at Caherciveen Community Hospital remains fully operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16973/26]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration for funding was given to a health centre (details supplied) and the wider North-West Kildare area; the rationale for not providing funding for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [16974/26]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will meet its target of placement beds as outlined in the HSE Disability Action Plan (2024-2026); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [16977/26]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [16980/26]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline her Department's current position on measures to support the availability of new and existing antimicrobials in Ireland; the way in which Ireland's approach aligns with EU level initiatives on antimicrobial resistance, including provisions under the revised EU pharmaceutical legislation; if any consideration has been given to national or EU level subscription or revenue guarantee models for antimicrobials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [16982/26]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Health if antimicrobial resistance (AMR) will be a focus under Ireland's health agenda during its upcoming EU Presidency; if she will outline any planned initiatives, events or policy discussions on AMR at EU level during the presidency; if she will indicate how this agenda will align with Ireland's national AMR strategy and ongoing EU pharmaceutical reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [16983/26]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the approach adopted when processing medicine reimbursement applications for combination therapies for cancer patients in the public system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [16984/26]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to commence a review of the reimbursement process, as committed to in the Programme for Government; whether such a review will specifically include the way in which orphan medicines are assessed and reimbursed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [16987/26]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Health in light of Rare Disease Day taking place on 28 February 2026, if she will commit to introducing an early access scheme in Ireland for people living with rare diseases to access EMA-approved orphan medicines; if such an early access scheme will include orphan medicines products licenced for non-oncology conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [16988/26]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) who has not received speech and language therapy since 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [17011/26]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Health the reason chaplaincy cover has been reduced at University Hospital Galway to a twelve hour slot; if she will consider reintroducing full chaplaincy cover at UHG; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17030/26]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Health the approach adopted when processing medicine reimbursement applications for combination therapies for cancer patients in the public system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17031/26]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for a renewed declaration within our upcoming Presidency of the EU to combat the rise in HIV transmission in EU member States to ensure that

there is eradication of HIV in the EU by 2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17033/26]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of eradicating HIV transmission as a public health threat in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17034/26]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a HSE-owned building (details supplied) and its use by a local organisation, which has sought it from HSE estates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [17043/26]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies in CH07 for the role of support coordinator who works together with the HSE and local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17046/26]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Health when Skylarys (omaveloxolone), the first approved treatment for Friedreich's ataxia, will be made available to patients in Ireland through reimbursement; if she will prioritise the assessment and reimbursement process given the urgent clinical need for the approximately 200 people living with this progressive condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17050/26]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the difficulties facing small nursing homes and the widespread closures of nursing homes who are struggling to cope with rising costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17051/26]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons the drug acarizax is not included in either the medical card scheme or the drugs payment scheme; if she will consider the inclusion of the drug; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [17057/26]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the significant delays in advancing the assisted human reproduction legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [17061/26]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to protect the rights of children in 'legal limbo' whilst the assisted human reproduction legislation remains stalled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [17062/26]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Health the current methods of payment for the tobacco and nicotine inhaling products licence; if the introduction of any additional payment methods for retailers are currently being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [17074/26]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Health the approval process for bempedoic acid (nilemdo) under the drugs payment scheme; the reason for delays in processing individual applications for this medication; if she will ensure that applicants who have exceeded the monthly DPS threshold while awaiting approval will be reimbursed in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [17075/26]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to women with hormone positive breast cancer being excluded from free menopause care due to being unable to use HRT; and whether she would consider adding non-hormone based medication to reduce the symptoms

of menopause to the drug payment scheme and medical card scheme (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [17077/26]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to prioritising the reimbursement process for omaveloxolone to ensure that it is made available to the approximately 200 people in Ireland living with Friedreich's ataxia; if she recognises the clinical necessity of this treatment for a community that currently has no other therapeutic options; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17107/26]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to the sanctioning of two additional autism classes for a school (details supplied); when the next tranche of sanctioned classes will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17108/26]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address concerns regarding the non-medicinal use of Nitrous Oxide (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [17120/26]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to develop additional endoscopy capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17126/26]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be additional endoscopy capacity provided for in the new elective hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17127/26]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Health if she is tendering for the enhanced flu vaccine for Winter 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17128/26]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Health if NIAC will review the guidelines around high dose vaccines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17129/26]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an evaluation being undertaken by the Alcohol Act Technical Evaluation Group (AATEG) in relation to the provisions of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018; the timeline for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [17136/26]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Health if versatis pain patches will be made available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17156/26]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposal to construct a four theatre complex with attached minor theatres on the grounds of Kilcreene Hospital, Kilkenny, will be progressed given the growing numbers of surgeries being undertaken at the hospital and the urgent need to replace the 1950s buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [17157/26]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive necessary psychology services (details supplied). — Tom Brabazon. [17158/26]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2415 of 13 January 2026, if she accepts road traffic deaths and serious injuries as a public health harm requiring surveillance; if her Department will collect, analyse and use road-traffic collision and

fatality statistics for population health improvement; if she and her Department will engage with the Minister for Transport to support and expedite the routine use and publication of this data as a public health concern for preventing injuries and deaths, and outline any meetings held or planned; the actions taken and a timeline for the same. — Sorca Clarke. [17159/26]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of any information/notice or circular being issued by her Department to HSE-funded health and social care services (details supplied) pertaining to possible changes to means testing of residents in receipt of a social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [17168/26]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Health when the temporary respite house at Fenagh, County Leitrim will be fully prepared and available for occupancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17171/26]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Health whether the new St. Patrick's Hospital development in Carrick on Shannon will include diagnostic facilities such as X-ray and ultrasound services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17185/26]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the use of the drug xolair for allergies; the status of applications to the HSE to fund the use of this drug in limited circumstances for allergies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17186/26]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Health when it is intended to fully implement the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024; the steps her Department is taking to address the gaps in the framework that continue to affect LGBTQ+ families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [17187/26]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently intervene in the case of paramedics (details supplied); if she will ensure that permanent NAS positions will be offered to paramedics who successfully complete training as was always the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [17188/26]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Health when a patient (details supplied) in Letterkenny University Hospital will transfer to Beaumont Hospital; the reason for the two week delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17189/26]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Health the reason in a break from custom and practice, a cohort of approximately 80 newly-qualified paramedics in the National Ambulance Service (NAS) have been advised that they must apply for permanent positions in order to remain employed by NAS; and if she will intercede to progress the awarding of permanent positions which this cohort were led to expect throughout their three years of service to date. — Claire Kerrane. [17190/26]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Health if she has visited St. Joseph's Hospital, Raheny, Dublin 5 since her appointment; and if so, the purpose of each visit, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [17227/26]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times in the accident and emergency department of Beaumont Hospital; and the steps being taken to reduce the waiting times. — Tom Brabazon. [17228/26]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Health if she has visited Clontarf Orthopaedic Hospital since her appointment; and if so, the purpose of each visit, in tabular form. — Tom Brabazon. [17229/26]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Health the details of her Departments plans to implement the EU initiative of “Safe Hearts” to shape cardiovascular policy in Ireland in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17235/26]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of the funding allocation for cardiovascular services in Budget 2026, in tabular form. — Colm Burke. [17236/26]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Health the details of her Departments plans on keeping up with predicted rising demographics in stroke rate; the way in which the €13 million allocated in 2022 has been used to ensure that services are care-ready for those in need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17237/26]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which Ireland can lead European Union conversation on cardiovascular health during the upcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17238/26]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Health the issues in healthcare her Department plans to champion specifically within the upcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union. — Colm Burke. [17239/26]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapist posts within primary care services in Longford and Westmeath; the number of these posts that are currently vacant; the steps being taken to fill these vacancies in order to reduce waiting lists for occupational therapy services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [17332/26]

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

\*980. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider introducing a scheme for Irish citizens that had no opportunity to study their desired course in Ireland and travelled abroad to an EU state to complete same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [16261/26]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the difficulties relating to parking facing university students in Cork (details supplied); if his Department has engaged with the university in relation to addressing these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [16398/26]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16552/26]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the web link to his Department’s Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/

payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16570/26]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16587/26]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of times he met with student unions since taking office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [16616/26]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline what the fund for students with disabilities covers; the amount that is allocated to each category across all FETs; the amount that is allocated to transport across all FETs, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [16665/26]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has taken any actions in response to the repeated call in August 2025 by an organisation (details supplied) for a cap on the number of international students studying dentistry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17010/26]

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

\*988. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will initiate a review of the salary for community services programme managers, due to their current low level of income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [16195/26]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his Department's strategy to expand connected hubs and remote working infrastructure including the potential for new hubs in north Tipperary. — Alan Kelly. [16504/26]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to list all schemes, funding programmes, capital funds, grant streams or other expenditure headings administered by his Department in 2025 and 2026 which result in allocations, awards, or spending that can be identified with a specific geographical location including county, district, town, or project site, to group these by funding stream or programme heading; to indicate, for each scheme, whether details of allocations or awards are published online; and if so, where such information may be accessed. — Albert Dolan. [16557/26]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide the web link to his Department's Q4 2025 published report of purchase orders/payments over €20,000, in line with the FOI model publication scheme requirements; the date on which this

report was published; and if it has not yet been published, the planned publication date. — Albert Dolan. [16575/26]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to confirm, in respect of his Department's published quarterly reports of procurement-related payments or purchase orders over €20,000 (details supplied), where such reports are published in PDF format but originate from an Excel or similar spreadsheet file, that the underlying data was fully expanded and validated prior to conversion so that all columns including supplier names and descriptions are fully visible and readable in the published document; to clarify whether any quality assurance process is applied to ensure that data is not truncated or partially obscured in the PDF version; and where the source file exists in machine-readable format, whether his Department will make the original Excel or CSV file available alongside the PDF in the interest of transparency, accessibility and data re-use. — Albert Dolan. [16592/26]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht affairs the up to date position of a new community library in County Kildare (details supplied), the projected cost of the library; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [16663/26]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on funding for a new library (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17137/26]