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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health her current policy on the co-location of the Rotunda Hospital; the amount spent to date on co-location planning, including any preliminary stages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17627/26]

2. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will commission a study on the health impacts of prolonged exposure to mould and damp in homes impacted by defective concrete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [18050/26]

3. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to bring forward legislation to enhance the powers of the Dental Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17628/26]

4. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for a new cancer strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17629/26]

5. To ask the Minister for Health the number of linear accelerators currently in use for radiotherapy services in the State; their age profile, including the number over 20 years old; the recommended replacement age for such equipment; and whether a rolling procurement and replacement programme is in place. — Martin Daly. [18169/26]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

6. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether gender based violence should be ground for disqualification of a medical professional; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [17502/26]

7. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for a new GP contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17324/26]

8. To ask the Minister for Health the reason her Department has refused to grant the health card requested by survivors of institutional abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17734/26]

9. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any analysis or action plan currently being considered in terms of additional healthcare capacity in the midlands, in particular elective care capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [17322/26]

10. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP practices or primary care centres that have been introduced in north Kildare since 2020; the number due to be opened in 2026 which are known; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [17744/26]

11. To ask the Minister for Health the Government strategy to raise awareness of haemochromatosis. — Malcolm Byrne. [17294/26]

12. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in the South Lee area awaiting paediatric and juvenile primary care psychology; the number waiting over six months, 12 months and two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [17839/26]

13. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will allow the Home Support Service in Donegal to resume recruitment for health care assistants to address the growing waiting list for the service in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17182/26]

14. To ask the Minister for Health the strategies in place to tackle the high levels of osteoporosis and fracture falls in Ireland. — Malcolm Byrne. [17293/26]

15. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who have applied for and who have travelled abroad under the endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [17509/26]

16. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons nationally, broken down per HSE region, who are awaiting home support hours; the average waiting time involved; the efforts the HSE are making in recruiting home support workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [16273/26]

17. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the latest data from the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders for 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [17519/26]

18. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that emergency ambulance responses to clinical status 1 purple and red calls exceeding 60 minutes represent a patient safety failure; when she first became aware that such extreme delays are not included in published National Ambulance Service performance indicators; whether she considers a system acceptable in which more than half of red life-threatening emergency calls miss response time targets; and the immediate actions she will take to ensure full transparency, regional equity, and patient safety in emergency ambulance response times. — Ken O'Flynn. [11575/26]

19. To ask the Minister for Health the current national and regional capacity for community based diagnostic services, including MRI, CT and X ray, within hospital groups serving north Dublin; the plans in place to expand this capacity in order to reduce pressure on acute hospitals such as Beaumont Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17675/26]

20. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide funding for an emergency mental health unit for Sligo University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [17289/26]

21. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved general practitioner posts currently vacant in Cork; the measures being taken to recruit and retain GPs, particularly in rural areas of Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [16272/26]

22. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has considered introducing an early access scheme 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. — Peter Roche. [17621/26]

23. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the proposed health capital developments for older people services in Kilkenny in 2026; if she is confident that all timeframes and deadlines for these will be met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [17206/26]

24. To ask the Minister for Health the projected timeline for the utilisation of the €750,000 allocated to external providers to address paediatric long waiters on the community audiology waiting list; the criteria for selecting children to be seen under this initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17542/26]

25. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken by her Department to increase the provision of ambulance services in the east Cork area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [17705/26]

26. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to larger disposable nicotine vaping devices, which can deliver up to 25,000 puffs of nicotine vapor that are becoming increasingly prevalent; her views on whether these devices will be covered under the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16473/26]

27. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report the delay in delivery of new maternity hospital for UHK which would offer safe access to theatre from delivery suite; the reasons for this delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16503/26]

28. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome of her meeting with Galway University Hospital regarding the chronic issue of overcrowding in the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17801/26]

29. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is aware that no tender is issued for the Southdoc SLA, and that this is renewed without competition annually; and whether she will consider a separate tender for the northside of Cork city given the lack of out-of-hours service provided by Southdoc in the area. — Thomas Gould. [16726/26]

30. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed elective hospital for Cork; the progress toward the project intended in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17536/26]

31. To ask the Minister for Health when she will bring forward comprehensive adult safeguarding legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17632/26]

32. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm the date of the site acquisition for Option B at UHL; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [17546/26]

33. 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 years 2023, 2024 and 2025; whether any audits or reviews have been carried out on these complaints, including assessments of complainant satisfaction with the resolution process; and if so, whether the findings of these audits or reviews will be published. — Liam Quaide. [17535/26]

34. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the plans her Department has to upgrade existing primary care centres or provide new primary care centres in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17295/26]

35. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an appraisal of the work that has been carried out on a review of the drugs reimbursement scheme and the creation of an early access scheme as per Programme for Government commitments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17474/26]

36. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand primary care services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17523/26]

37. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte an bhfuil sé fós i gceist aici leanúint den chinneadh Ospidéal an Choim a athlonnú chuig suíomh Ospidéal San Séam in aice láimhe amach anseo, in ainneoin ráitis le déanaí go raibh athmhachnamh á dhéanamh ar an mbeartas iomlán maidir le hospidéal máithreachais a lonnú le chéile le hospidéal géarmhíochaine; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16467/26]

38. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to ensure that every public hospital across the country has the appropriate number of staff and spaces in emergency departments to assess mental health emergencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17635/26]

39. To ask the Minister for Health if she will set out a clear and unambiguous statement on the medium-term location for the Rotunda Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [17508/26]

40. To ask the Minister for Health the plans her Department and the HSE have to increase the number of GPs in Laois and across the State; the progress made to have a cohort of directly employed GPs providing primary care services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [17087/26]

41. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria that an area must meet in order to have a dedicated D Doc service established; given the population of the Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Lusk and surrounding areas, if she plans to establish a D Doc service in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [16941/26]

42. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the discretionary card; if it will be expanded to include criteria other than the means test; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [16502/26]

43. To ask the Minister for Health the transition pathways from CAMHS to AMHS, particularly for children with eating disorders where continuity of care is critical; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [17507/26]

44. To ask the Minister for Health which of the new eating disorder teams will cover the children of Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [16781/26]

45. To ask the Minister for Health if she will take steps to rectify the current situation in which sanitary products are not available in every hospital and ward in the country when they are requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [17506/26]

46. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to address the fact that ambulances are regularly queued outside hospitals waiting to hand over patients to ED staff, and that national response targets have not been met since October 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17525/26]

47. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for six priority acute mental health units in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17521/26]

48. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for full implementation of the digital and data-driven reforms outlined in the Waiting Time Action Plan 2026, including virtual engagement, electronic referral systems and AI-supported waiting list management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17543/26]

49. To ask the Minister for Health if she agrees that affected families should lead in drafting the terms of reference for the statutory inquiry into spinal care at Children's Health Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17738/26]

50. To ask the Minister for Health when the primary care health centre in Dundalk is expected to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [17608/26]

51. To ask the Minister for Health the measures currently in place across health services to support women who have experienced traumatic childbirth and who are presenting with post-natal mental health difficulties, including community-based specialist perinatal mental health services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [16940/26]

52. To ask the Minister for Health the way young people with eating disorders and their families are included in the planning and evaluation of CAMHS–AMHS transition pathways; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [17497/26]

53. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the issues and ensure that the day centre at Caherciveen Community Hospital remains fully operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [17616/26]

54. To ask the Minister for Health the services available to newborns and infants from public health nurses in the Dublin mid-west area; the steps being taken to increase public health nurses in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17514/26]

55. To ask the Minister for Health whether specific waiting list reduction targets have been set for orthodontic assessment and treatment in south Tipperary for 2026 and 2027; the numerical reduction targets for each year; the projected maximum waiting time by the end of 2026 and 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [17513/26]

56. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the Letterkenny University Hospital, model 3 hospital, clinical care plan is published at the earliest opportunity, and the recommendations urgently acted upon.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17181/26]

57. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the proposed health capital developments in primary care and mental health services Kilkenny in 2026; if she is confident that all timeframes and deadlines for these will be met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [17207/26]

58. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address the number of closed or unavailable beds in State-operated community nursing homes; the additional bed capacity planned over the next 10, 20 and 30 years to meet the needs of an ageing population; the way in which her Department intends to ensure future provision matches projected demographic demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [17547/26]

59. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of the HSE workforce employed in acute services in 2026; the proportion at the end of 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [17522/26]

60. 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. — Peter Roche. [17622/26]

61. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to enhance care for people, particularly immunotherapy for children, with allergies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17631/26]

62. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she will take to ensure better training and awareness of premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) among medical professionals, including GPs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17735/26]

63. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the implementation of options B and C from the HIQA review of acute HSE services in the midwest. — Alan Kelly. [8231/26]

64. To ask the Minister for Health the total value of all medical equipment and personal protective equipment currently held in storage that is considered obsolete or past its expiry date; to detail the projected €7.4 million cost for the destruction of such stock in 2026; the annual storage fees paid for these assets, which reached €2.1 million in the previous year; if any other “unprocured” contracts similar to the respiratory sensor case have been identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17791/26]

65. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times she has met with the Master of the Rotunda Hospital in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [17640/26]

66. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which she intends to put in place an accelerated process to deliver the critical care wing of the Rotunda Hospital in light of the recent rejection of planning permission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [17641/26]

67. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider designating long-Covid as an occupational illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [17792/26]

68. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the potential of a surgical hub being established at Louth County Hospital to support the north-east and the growing population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [17646/26]

69. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene regarding the change to a long-established practice of offering permanent National Ambulance Service contracts to paramedics who successfully completed training. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17637/26]

70. To ask the Minister for Health the capital projects currently approved for health facilities in County Offaly; the funding allocated in 2026; the projected completion dates for these projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [17613/26]

71. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any research carried out in relation to international comparisons when drafting the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025, and in particular the United Kingdom with regards to their issues in banning larger disposable nicotine vaping devices which can deliver up to 25,000 puffs of nicotine vapor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16474/26]

72. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the plans to increase bed capacity in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [17647/26]

73. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the development of the surgical hub at Galway University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [16784/26]

74. To ask the Minister for Health if there are proposals for new primary healthcare centres in the Dublin mid-west area; the proposed locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17515/26]

75. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand access to weight loss medications given the health and societal costs of obesity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [17500/26]

76. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to reduce preventable baby deaths, following a recent Oireachtas Committee on Health meeting in which this issue was highlighted (details supplied); if this will be a priority in the next National Maternity Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [17724/26]

77. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on each primary care capital project in County Galway, at each stage of development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [17083/26]

78. To ask the Minister for Health the funding requested and approved for Clontarf Hospital this year; if the planned development of 50-single rooms and additional rehabilitation space will be included in the National Capital Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [17496/26]

79. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date with the development of the community nursing unit, Midleton Community Hospital, Midleton, County Cork; when it is expected to be opened to patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [17704/26]

80. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made to reduce the number of patients waiting on orthodontic assessment and treatment at the Louth County Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [17609/26]

81. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address staffing shortages in child and adolescent mental health services and eliminate lengthy waiting lists in the provision of vital care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17636/26]

82. To ask the Minister for Health given the growing population in County Wicklow, the plans being made to increase GP services across the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [17793/26]

83. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to bring forward a new cancer strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [17300/26]

84. To ask the Minister for Health if she will support banning social media companies from targeting toxic recommender algorithms at children as a key part of implementing Operational Recommendation Three of the Final Report of the Online Health Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17736/26]

85. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if the ten beds in Abbeyleix Hospital that are currently used for respite will be retained for this purpose; the plans to increase that number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [17086/26]

86. To ask the Minister for Health following the latest funding announcement in the HSE Capital Plan 2026, when the next stage of long-term works at Beaumont Hospital is expected to progress; if the new funding will in any way expedite the delivery of the planned works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17517/26]

87. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that Sligo University Hospital orthopaedic theatre is not-fit-for purpose, and the hospital needs a new surgical theatre as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [17288/26]

88. To ask the Minister for Health for an overview of the progress made under the current Cancer Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [17325/26]

89. To ask the Minister for Health to provide urgent funding to address the issues within the orthopaedic theatre at Sligo University Hospital; the current status of any planned interventions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17611/26]

90. To ask the Minister for Health when the statutory inquiry into spinal care at Children's Health Ireland will begin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17737/26]

91. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet with the HSE to discuss broadening the criteria to provide access to continuous glucose monitoring sensors to more diabetics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17802/26]

92. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital. — Tom Brabazon. [17673/26]

93. To ask the Minister for Health the key measures in the Mental Health Capital Plan for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [17326/26]

94. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on plans for the new elective hospital for Cork; the indicative timeline for when planning will be ready; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17475/26]

95. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures funded through the cross-Border directive scheme in 2025, by the countries in which the procedures were carried out, the categorisation of the procedure type and the amount spent in each country. — Séamus McGrath. [17510/26]

96. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Sexual Health Strategy recommendation to develop a comprehensive, evidence-based and fit-for-purpose model of care for sexual health; the progress made to date; the timeline she is working towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [17722/26]

97. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives being undertaken to combat shingles amongst the over-65's, including a vaccination programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [17625/26]

98. To ask the Minister for Health when the 11-beds in Linn Dara, which have been closed since 2022, will be reopened. — Sorca Clarke. [16782/26]

99. To ask the Minister for Health if the integrated healthcare areas currently lacking approved multidisciplinary posts for older adult mental health (psychiatry of later life) services will be prioritised for development posts; and when primary notification numbers and funding will be provided to achieve the staffing targets of the Model of Care for Specialist Mental Health Services for Older People. — Liam Quaide. [17534/26]

100. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of provision of primary care and dentistry services in Waterford; and if she believes this level of provision is adequate. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17638/26]

101. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position on a medication (details supplied) being available on the drugs payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17677/26]

102. To ask the Minister for Health if she can provide an update on the strategic review of general practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17323/26]

103. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to enhance care for people with early onset Parkinson's disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17630/26]

104. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure the Community Access Support Team pilot project in Limerick is maintained for the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17545/26]

105. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure-control framework applied by her Department to the treatment abroad scheme since 2020; if any budget ceilings, sanction limits, or cohort-specific controls apply to referrals for persons aged under 18 years; and the way in which her Department assures value-for-money where costs are set by external health systems and the scheme is described as demand-led. — Ken O'Flynn. [11576/26]

106. To ask the Minister for Health the definitive timeline for the completion of the Strategic Review of General Practice; the reason for the delay in completing the review, given that the original competition date was the end of 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [17721/26]

107. To ask the Minister for Health the total monies extended by the HSE in the purchasing of residential care treatment episodes for people with drug, gambling and alcohol related addiction in 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number of patients for whom treatment episodes were purchased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [17530/26]

108. To ask the Minister for Health when the rapid response vehicle in Roscommon will be reinstated on a 24/7 basis as promised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15790/26]

109. To ask the Minister for Health the average ambulance response times in County Offaly in each of the past two years; how these compare with national targets; whether additional National Ambulance Service resources are planned for the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [17612/26]

110. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to increase the number of GPs in Ireland and, in particular, in County Meath, which has the lowest number of GPs in the State per population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16265/26]

111. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the provision of community-based specialist eating disorder teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [17518/26]

112. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which she is prioritising new eating disorder and perinatal facilities in the Health Capital Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17520/26]

113. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts that are underway within her Department to increase the capacity of the Children Disability Network Teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [17529/26]

114. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to improve the ambulance service; if she has examined implementing physician-staffed helicopter emergency medical services in this State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17634/26]

115. To ask the Minister for Health if she has engaged with the National Ambulance Service on the rapid response vehicle in Roscommon; when it will be reinstated to 24/7 cover; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15791/26]

116. To ask the Minister for Health to reinstate the permanent contracts which were previously offered to graduating paramedics, following the recent decision by the HSE and the NAS that they would only be offered a 16-week contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [17745/26]

117. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to address the lengthy waiting lists for home help in County Donegal; if new staff who are waiting on recruitment panels will be allowed to take up positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17524/26]

118. To ask the Minister for Health the reason, in the context of significant pressures on the National Ambulance Service, newly qualified paramedics have been informed that they must reapply to retain their jobs; the reason the break of this long-established practice has occurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [17505/26]

119. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to review current regulations regarding the prescription of melatonin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [17499/26]

120. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the delivery of the Programme for Government commitment to continue to extend access to free contraception; the work carried out to date; the timeline she is working towards in expanding the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [17723/26]

121. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposed elective hospital at Merlin Park in Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [17084/26]

122. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [17849/26]

123. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration currently being given to the expansion of elective care capacity in the midlands, specifically Offaly; the likely timeframe associated with any such consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [17321/26]

124. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the elective hospital in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [16727/26]

125. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the reconfiguration and refurbishment of Gurteen health centre in County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17610/26]

126. To ask the Minister for Health to expand cancer screening services in Ireland by introducing multigene next generation sequencing to allow for earlier diagnosis and better treatment outcomes for citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [17626/26]

127. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the new critical care unit at Beaumont Hospital. — Tom Brabazon. [17674/26]

128. 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. [17617/26]

129. To ask the Minister for Health following the latest funding announcement in the HSE Capital Plan 2026, when the next stage of the Finglas primary care centre is expected to progress; if the new funding will in any way expedite the delivery of the centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17516/26]

130. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on her considerations of the 30 September 2025 HIQA report on Emergency Healthcare in the Midwest; when a financial commitment in support of the implementation of the three HIQA recommendations will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17544/26]

131. To ask the Minister for Health the concerns held by her Department over the use of oestradiol in food production; the risks it poses to public health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [17570/26]

132. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte an bhfuil aon phleananna aici árasáin a thógáil ar shuíomhanna atá ag FSS nó ag ospidéal i mBaile Átha Cliath 8, 10, agus 12 chun cuidiú le dochtúirí, altraí agus oibrithe eile a mhealladh chuig na hospidéal. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16468/26]

133. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed report on the €7 million loss incurred by the HSE in dealings with a medical devices company for respiratory sensors between 2021 and 2024; if 91,000 to 132,000 sensors paid for were never received; the reason a double payment of €723,000 was authorised by separate HSE sections; the current status of the disciplinary or “fact-finding” process for the personnel involved, given that many have since left the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17790/26]

134. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand the availability of linear accelerators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [17301/26]

135. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by her Department increase the number of child psychologists in primary care in order to ensure adequate service provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [17869/26]

136. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position on progressing a day care centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17678/26]

137. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved whole-time equivalent posts in south Tipperary and the south-east community healthcare area for professions (details supplied); the number of those posts currently filled and the number vacant, by grade; the duration for which each vacancy has remained unfilled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [17512/26]

138. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to invest in adult community mental health services in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16264/26]

139. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to end reliance on unregistered consultants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [17633/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Health to report on her efforts to improve medical training to counter gender bias in the medical profession; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [17501/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Health when the new primary care centre in Nenagh will be opened by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [17699/26]

142. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of funding for north Tipperary under the recently announced HSE capital plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [17700/26]

143. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [17850/26]

144. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed integrated homeless health hub for Cork city; the progress toward the project intended in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17537/26]

145. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide clarity on the processes that are underway to identify a potential site for the delivery of the so-called 'Plan B' (new hospital building) for the University of Limerick Hospital Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17296/26]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to do to address the month on month rises in homelessness. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18167/26]

147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he proposes to take to address the growing housing deficit given that Government never met their targets for social and affordable housing delivery under Housing for All; if he will revise the targets

contained within Delivering Homes, Building Communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17104/26]

148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the unaffordability of cost rents. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18168/26]

149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure transparency in the home buying process, to curb ghost bids and gazumping, and to curtail bidding wars that are leading to higher house prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [18166/26]

150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if plans by local councils to increase rents for council and HAP tenants reflect the commitment in the Delivering Homes, Building Communities plan to review the rents paid by social housing tenants, or if even more rent increases are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18049/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to ensure the provision of housing for people with disabilities, to ensure that Ireland complies with Article 19 of the UNCRPD, including but not limited to expansion of the capital acquisition scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [18183/26]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to reduce unaffordable rents in the private sector. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17818/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the PPP bundle 3 and 4 sites in Dublin north-west, including an updated timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17492/26]

154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications received and approved under the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and the Croí Cónaithe Fund nationally to date; the total funding allocated and drawn down; the average processing time for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [17619/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the funding for inner city flat complex regeneration in Dublin city. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17587/26]

156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the operation of the Croí Cónaithe scheme in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [17327/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the development of the National Centre of Excellence for Traditional Skills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [16774/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the direction to local authorities will issue to allow victims and survivors of domestic abuse to move from one local authority list to another and retain their years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [17577/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will request that the SCSi draft a follow-up report on construction costs for the defective concrete blocks grant scheme, considering that the last one was almost two years ago, and costs have considerably increased in that period. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17183/26]

160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties delivered for people with disabilities, per local authority, for each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [17473/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social, affordable and cost rental homes completed in Cork in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17538/26]

162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been brought to the significant problems with the enhanced defective concrete blocks grant scheme; if there are any plans to address its failings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17498/26]

163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will advance the plans to relocate the families at a location (details supplied), living in defective concrete block homes, away from the dangerous flood plain they were built on. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [17184/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on his progress toward delivering affordable housing in east Galway; the measures currently being advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [16786/26]

165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which he is working to reduce the overall cost of apartment delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [17490/26]

166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions that are being taken, and the progress being made, on monitoring the housing targets in each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [17860/26]

167. 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. [17644/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a solution for people who are still linked in name only to a mortgage, despite being separated and living elsewhere, but who cannot join the social housing waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [17604/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties which have been brought back into use under the Vacant Property Refurbishment

Grant in north Kildare since 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [17855/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the first call under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund. — Malcolm Byrne. [17291/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason workers on social housing waiting lists are removed from the waiting list by local authorities when one year of their wages goes over the income threshold, and they lose all the time they have spent on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [17605/26]

172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 49 of 8 October 2025, if he will provide an update on discussions his Department has had with Galway County Council in relation to the Ros a Mhíl and Eanach Mheáin social housing developments; the current status of the feasibility studies and cost reports on the sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17800/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Social Housing Construction Status Report for Q4 of 2025 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16458/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the qualifying criteria for cost rental housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [17481/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to develop infrastructure to facilitate the building of more houses in the constituency of Sligo Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [17286/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is aware of the ‘Global Biodiversity Loss, Ecosystem Collapse and National Security: A National Security Assessment’ published by the UK government recently; the steps being taken to address the biodiversity crisis to strengthen Ireland’s national security in the wake of this assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [17809/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding provided for Final County Council for the tenant-in-situ purchase scheme for 2026; the estimated number of homes which will be purchased in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [17576/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the pipeline of affordable purchase units being developed by all local authorities and categorise them at stages of development. — Séamus McGrath. [17479/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review HAP limits for each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [17483/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will account for the 8,933 homes across 56 sites in Fingal that remained inactive in 2025 despite having

full planning permission; if his Department has audited the total number of such “dormant” permissions nationwide; his plans to ensure the new derelict property tax, set for 2026 legislation, will explicitly target these inactive sites to prevent developers from sitting on land during a record homelessness crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [17812/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding allocated for affordable housing since 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [17494/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a review will be carried out in six months’ time to measure the impact of the new rent rules, in order to have accurate information on the effect on housing both in County Laois, and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [17085/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding levels to local authorities, by county, for the disability adaptation to housing stock scheme for council houses and adaptation grants for people with disabilities for private houses. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17607/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action being taken to support biodiversity protection in the Cooley mountains; the supports for landowners to eliminate bracken from the mountains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [17662/26]

185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the tenant-in-situ scheme for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council; if he can commit to multiannual funding of this scheme; if allowances for the increased cost of housing in Dublin can be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16472/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made in the past three months on wind farm guidelines; the stage the process is at; when the new guidelines will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [17103/26]

187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to publish a National Planning Statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [17487/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans any changes to cost rental schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17485/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will update the rural housing guidelines to remove some of the unnecessary barriers to building in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [17671/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses and duplexes within the South Dublin County Council area that received planning permission with conditions restricting the bulk buying or multiple sales to a single purchaser and ring-fencing them for owner occupiers following the introduction of new guidelines in May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [17871/26]

191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the operation of the Croí Cónaithe scheme in Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [17328/26]

192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will allocate funding to councils to improve the state of repair of social homes. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17822/26]

193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding being allocated to South Dublin County Council for the Second-Hand Social Housing Acquisitions Programme 2026; how this compares to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [17870/26]

194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review social housing income thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17575/26]

195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department’s review of the National Social Housing PPP Programme, specifically bundles 4–7, which was initiated following the cancellation of PPP bundle 3, and was forecast to be complete for Q1 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [17832/26]

196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the work of the LDA to develop State-owned lands and strategically assemble land from both public and private sources to create a more stable and affordable housing market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [17491/26]

197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Social Housing Support Household Means Policy 2021 is being revised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [17482/26]

198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that have been approved for the vacant property refurbishment grant in Cavan and Monaghan since its’ introduction; the number of grants have been paid out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17477/26]

199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he intends to raise the income limits for social housing eligibility. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17821/26]

200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions that will be taken to promote and bring to a wider audience the massively significant Baltinglass Hillfort Complex, and many other archaeological sites in this area of west Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [16817/26]

201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently amend the National Planning Framework and the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines as county development plans are aligned with these national policies which prohibits many applicants building a family home on their own land and-or buying a site and building a permanent place of residence around the town or village where they live and work. — Michael Cahill. [17614/26]

202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected housing output of the LDA for the remainder of 2026 and 2027, by property types, social units, cost rental units and so on. — Séamus McGrath. [17478/26]

203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for funding received under call 1 of the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund; the number of local authorities that have made applications; the total cost of accumulated applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [17528/26]

204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the new measures he will bring forward to tackle rising and homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16460/26]

205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the delivery of affordable homes in Poolbeg West SDZ. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17588/26]

206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his response to the most recent monthly housing commencement figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17489/26]

207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the vacant above the shop grant will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [17539/26]

208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the impact the Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2026 will have on renters in Kerry; his views on whether the increase will be affordable for the people of Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [17079/26]

209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the support his Department is providing for the provision of cost-rental apartments at a location (details supplied); when the project will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [17470/26]

210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable purchase homes due to be delivered in 2026 and 2027 under the local authority affordable purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [17831/26]

211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of registration applications submitted to Tailte Éireann for 2024 and 2025 that are still pending; the measures being taken to address these backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17690/26]

212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm whether early learning and care providers delivering the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme exclusively from their own private property are exempt from liability for commercial rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [16946/26]

213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes his Department expects to deliver over the next five years. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17820/26]

214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the funding allocated to Cork County Council under the community monuments fund in 2024 and 2025; the projects approved in Cork during these years; when recipients of the 2026 fund will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [16274/26]

215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his approach and plans for local government reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16266/26]

216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to encourage local authorities to allow older persons to downsize and sell their home to the council through the financial contribution scheme and then be housed by the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [17493/26]

217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide clarity on when the villages of Broadford and Cooraclare, County Clare, can expect to have their long-promised sewage schemes constructed, commissioned and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [17303/26]

218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review on income eligibility limits for social housing, specifically in Cavan and Monaghan; if he will have these income limits increased without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17476/26]

219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the work undertaken to date in formalising national planning guidelines for solar energy developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [17741/26]

220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will reintroduce the development levies waiver for one-off rural houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [17672/26]

221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his efforts to tackle dereliction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [17081/26]

222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will provide funding to Sligo and Leitrim and Donegal local authorities to carry out repairs to local authority houses that are occupied and also to return void houses to the housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [17287/26]

223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units nationally with full planning permission that have not yet commenced construction; the measures being taken to activate these permissions and accelerate delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [17620/26]

224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current level of delivery of purpose built and adapted housing for persons with disabilities, including new builds

and adaptation grants, within local authority areas serving north Dublin; whether additional ring fenced targets or funding streams are under consideration to address unmet need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17797/26]

225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the operation of the interim fire safety defects remediation scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17589/26]

226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which his Department will ensure strong oversight and quality standards under the new contractor-led pathway within the buy and renew scheme; the way in which this approach will support timely delivery of refurbished social homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17541/26]

227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of any analysis undertaken by his Department on the ‘viability’ of housing developments; and whether this includes raising rents in new tenancies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17819/26]

228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his attention has been drawn to the complete lack of housing commencement notices lodged in Galway city so far this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17799/26]

229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of uncollected derelict site levies as of February 2026; the new measures he will bring forward to force local authorities to collect uncollected levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16459/26]

230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of social housing units retrofitted to date under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme, broken down by local authority area and dwelling type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [17642/26]

231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has received a report on stock audits carried out to date; what this report has shown; and whether he is aware of the levels of mould and damp in social housing stock. — Thomas Gould. [16729/26]

232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in light of a report published (details supplied), which revealed that only one property was purchased through CPO by a local authority in January 2026, the efforts he and his Department are making to support an enhanced programme of CPO to combat dereliction all over Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [17830/26]

233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his plans for the Youth Homeless Strategy post-2026. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17590/26]

234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for reducing the rents in cost rental accommodation to reduce the percentage of applicants excluded on affordability grounds. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17591/26]

235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new build social homes currently in the pipeline in Sligo, Leitrim and South Donegal; the key

measures being taken to expand social housing provision during 2026 in Sligo, Leitrim and south Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [17574/26]

236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be provided for Louth County Council to for general repairs required after the recent bad weather; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [17663/26]

237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is aware of ongoing constraints on housing delivery arising from wastewater treatment and network capacity in rural Galway; whether his Department has considered mechanisms whereby developer-led or developer-funded delivery of strategic wastewater infrastructure, in partnership with Uisce Éireann, could be utilised to accelerate wastewater projects; if such proposals have been assessed or piloted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [17624/26]

238. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an bhfuil aon céimeanna ghlactha chun stádas Séadchomhartha Náisiúnta agus na cosantaí reachtúla a gheobann leis a bhronnadh d'iomlán an mogall de dhúin barr-cnoca ag Baile an Bhriosmhálaigh atá lasmuigh de Bealach Coinglais i gContae Chill Mantáin a chreidtear gurb é seo cead baile na hÉireann le beagnach 600 teach tógtha ar an suíomh 2,000 bliain roimh bailte na Lochlannaigh a bhí luaite roimhe mar chéad bailte na tíre. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16465/26]

239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the work of the Housing Activation Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17105/26]

240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of affordable, social and cost rental housing deliveries in County Waterford, by year since 2021, and by local electoral area in Waterford. — Conor D. McGuinness. [17606/26]

241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenant-in-situ acquisitions by Cork County Council since 1 January 2026; the number of these are progressing; the number of these are not progressing; the reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [17689/26]

242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether guidance has issued to the Valuation Office and to local authorities to ensure a consistent national approach to the rateability of early childhood care and education providers operating from private property; if so, to provide details of such guidance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [16947/26]

243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social and cost rental homes delivered in established urban communities in north Dublin over the past three years, broken down by tenure type and delivery mechanism; and the projected delivery pipeline for the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [17796/26]

244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to increase social housing delivery in County Meath; the number delivered in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [16267/26]

245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cost rental homes that will be delivered under Delivering Homes, Building Communities; the actions he will take to ensure cost rental rents will be affordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [16461/26]

246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will issue an order to allow the cutting of turf at bogs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [17082/26]

247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider increasing the income threshold for applicants for social housing, accounting for the rise in monthly rents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [17571/26]

248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the provision of allocated housing for those that work in frontline public sector jobs including teachers, nurses and members of An Garda Síochána; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [16471/26]

249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Energy on the impact of grid constraint on the delivery of housing targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [17080/26]

250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm the date the Local Government Taskforce is expected to deliver its report to Government; and whether he will agree to publish this on receipt. — Thomas Gould. [16728/26]

251. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cen céimeanna atá glactha aige chun breis tithíocht bheith ar fáil san Ghaeltacht do muintir na Gaeltacht, idir tithé shóisialta, ar chíos nó ar díol agus an féidir leis trácht ar an gceist. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [16464/26]

252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to review the qualifying criteria for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [17480/26]

253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the efforts being made to increase ID residential places, in line with the recommendations of the Disability Capacity Review to 2032, that up to the average of 90-new residential places are needed each year from 2020 to 2032 to cater for changes in the size and age structure of the disabled population, and given the views of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [17833/26]

254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding provided to Galway City Council and Galway County Council in 2024 and 2025 for the delivery of affordable housing under the local authority affordable housing scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [17527/26]

255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for vacant property refurbishment grant applications in Roscommon–Galway; the number of

applications awaiting decision or payment; and the steps being taken to address delays. — Martin Daly. [17593/26]

256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his targets for affordable housing in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [17488/26]

257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an increase to housing assistance payment rent limits is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [17484/26]

258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the unfair housing allocation caps for families who may be ten years plus on a housing list, being deemed over the threshold due to family members becoming working age or promotion or social welfare increases and so on, in that timeframe; and is there plans to address this practice. — Paul Donnelly. [6197/26]

259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the market will be restored to new market in Dublin 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [17290/26]

260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has conducted a poverty impact assessment of the double rent increase facing HAP tenants arising from the abolition of rent controls between tenancies which will increase top ups paid by HAP tenants to landlords and the decision of many local councils to increase council rents for HAP tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [17645/26]

261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the funding allocated to Cork County Council under the historic structures fund in 2024 and 2025; the projects approved in Cork during these years; when recipients of the 2026 fund will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [16275/26]

262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of the €150 million in urban regeneration and development funding circulated to local authorities that has been drawn down to tackle dereliction, to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [17661/26]

263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on 2026 funding for the tenant-in-situ scheme; if there will be an increase in funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17463/26]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*264. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason the Passport Office does not appear to accept forwarded pdf statements of reckonable residence from the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration given that the Department routinely sends emails on receipt

of such requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [17904/26]

*265. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will support a fast tracking to EU membership for Iceland if that country applies for membership; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [18070/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in her Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff her Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between her Department and parent companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18086/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which preparations are being organised across Government for Ireland's EU Council Presidency commencing in July 2026, and for the associated Trio Presidency programme; the governance structures in place to oversee preparation including any interdepartmental groups, senior officials' committees and Cabinet oversight arrangements; the number of formal Presidency/Trio preparation meetings which have taken place to date; the dates on which they occurred; the Departments represented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18171/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade which Departments/Ministries have been requested to provide input to the Trio programme documents and Ireland's draft Presidency priorities; the nature of the input sought; the key legislative and policy priorities identified for Ireland's Presidency term, including the principal EU files Ireland expects to prioritise for progress and/or agreement; the way the Government intends to manage and resolve areas of divergence or disagreement between Trio partners in finalising the Trio programme and in setting Presidency priorities during Ireland's term, including the escalation and dispute-resolution arrangements envisaged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18172/26]

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

*269. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18080/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*270. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in her Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff her Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between her Department and parent companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18082/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Defence the total number of applications received to the Permanent Defence Forces; the number of candidates inducted into training; the number of candidates formally attested and sworn into service; whether induction figures are being reported as a substitute for enlistment; and the way in which her Department assures effective governance, oversight, and value-for-money in recruitment where comprehensive end-to-end attrition data does not appear to be available, for each year from 2021 to 2025 inclusive. — Paul Murphy. [18155/26]

*272. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans to introduce a local participation mechanism in Ireland's defence procurement process to ensure Irish SME's are included; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [18196/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*273. To ask the Minister for Transport whether motor tax revenue is ringfenced or utilised in general expenditure; the amount taken in motor tax revenue in 2025; and the reason this no longer transfers to local authorities. — Thomas Gould. [18153/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will provide funding for Sligo Airport from the recently announced €45 million for regional airports, given that search and rescue for the north-west is operated from Sligo Airport. — Martin Kenny. [17879/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Transport the current implementation status of each of the three Safety Recommendations Nos. 28, 29, and 30, directed at the Minister in the AAIU Final Report on the Rescue 116 accident, published in November 2021; the specific actions taken to date in respect of each recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [17894/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the detailed review of the mechanisms by which his Department oversees the Irish Aviation Authority, as recommended by the AAIU in Safety Recommendation No. 29, has been completed; if so, when it was completed; what its findings were; if he will publish it; if not, when he expects it to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [17895/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will direct his Department to publish annually a report detailing its technical competence to perform its statutory oversight function in respect of aviation safety, including the qualifications and specialist expertise held within the Aviation Division; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [17896/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road deaths which have occurred in Cork, by road, from 2020 to date in 2026. — Holly Cairns. [17898/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road accidents which have occurred in Cork south-west, by road, from 2024 to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [17899/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the establishment of a statutory Road Safety Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [17900/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and location of identified high-risk road routes, in tabular form; the measures he is taking to address safety on these high-risk routes; and if he will consider a rapid rollout of average speed cameras on these roads. — Holly Cairns. [17901/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Irish Aviation Authority or other safety regulators contacted his Department with warnings about controller fatigue, inadequate staffing margins, or system resilience issues, especially given the proposals to increase traffic volumes at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [17924/26]

*283. To ask the Minister for Transport given the proposals to increase traffic volumes at Dublin Airport, if a company (details supplied) has given his Department written confirmation that they can safely manage the additional flights without having to rely on controllers agreeing to work on their days off, and that the company has a plan to ensure adequate staffing to handle increased traffic volumes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [17925/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is any way a refused application for the 2026 National Transport Authority taxi grant could be appealed due to tax clearance not being updated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17927/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Transport if an application for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [17991/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the work his Department is doing to improve transport options from Donegal to Dublin; if he is aware of the impact that the removal of the midday Donegal to Dublin flight will have on passengers who need to travel to Dublin for medical purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18001/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Transport when the NTA will publish their capital plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [18067/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed park and ride facilities to be developed in Galway on the N6 national primary road next to Junction 19, approximately 550 spaces and at the N83 national primary road, just north of Claregalway approximately 320 spaces; the status of the accompanying development of the bus priority measures along both the N6 and N83; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [18068/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason private coaches require a PSV licence while State owned coaches do not; and the reason there is requirement for a PSV licence when coaches have to undergo regular commercial vehicle road testing. — Malcolm Byrne. [18071/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place to ensure consistency across the country in the decision to provide or not a PSV licence; and the level of training provided in this area to those carrying out the licensing. — Malcolm Byrne. [18072/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged;

the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18095/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department plans to introduce regulation of sulkies, including protection of other road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [18104/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority (RSA) has reached its agreed complement of 200 permanent driver testers; the current number of testers in each driving test centre; the average waiting time in each driving test centre for a driver to receive an invitation from the RSA to apply to sit a driving test. — Emer Currie. [18132/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date following requests by Garda authorities in 2019 for access to driving licence photographs at roadside checkpoints from the National Driver File database; the reason for the six year delay in making a decision whether to grant access. — Emer Currie. [18133/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 39 of 25 February 2026 if he will request the Motor Insurers' Bureau of Ireland (MIBI) to provide him with data on the number of fleet owners and motor traders who have failed to upload vehicle insurance details to the National Fleet Database as required by a law he introduced in November 2023. — Emer Currie. [18135/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times that new penalty points could be matched to an existing 'shell record' on transport's driver file database when the driver has committed another penalty point offence(s), by year since 2020; the number of notifications sent to the personal details against the shell driver record each year since 2020, to inform the drivers that they are disqualified as the number of penalty points on their shell record had passed the threshold. — Emer Currie. [18137/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will list the designated harbours in County Louth; and outline the process by which a harbour can be designated under the Harbours Act 1996. — Erin McGreehan. [18189/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport the way his Department ensures that local authorities and harbour companies are meeting their statutory obligations under the Harbours Act 1996, the Harbours Act 1946, and the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847, particularly in cases where no harbour master is appointed to exercise the powers and duties set out in these Acts. — Erin McGreehan. [18190/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail the safety assessments carried out in harbours currently operating without a harbour master; and whether the absence of a harbour master has been identified as a risk factor in relation to vessel traffic management, emergency response, or environmental protection. — Erin McGreehan. [18191/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the absence of a harbour master in certain regional ports aligns with the requirements of the Sea Pollution Act 1991, particularly regarding the authority to refuse entry to vessels that pose an environmental threat; and whether additional resources will be allocated to ensure compliance. — Erin McGreehan. [18192/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the way emergency response capabilities, such as fire control, vessel removal, and enforcement of bye laws, are being exercised in harbours where no harbour master is appointed, given that these powers are specifically vested in harbour masters under the Harbours Act 1996 and related legislation. — Erin McGreehan. [18194/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will publish a national strategy for the governance and staffing of regional harbours, including a plan to ensure that every port with commercial, fishing, or tourism activity has a designated harbour master with the statutory authority to manage safety, operations, and environmental protection. — Erin McGreehan. [18195/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has conducted any formal risk audits or safety assessments of harbours operating without a designated harbour master; and if so, whether he will publish the findings; if not, the way the Department assesses compliance with statutory safety obligations in the absence of such audits. — Erin McGreehan. [18198/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Transport the insurance and liability implications for local authorities and harbour companies that operate harbours without an appointed harbour master, given that statutory powers under the Harbours Act 1996 and related legislation cannot be exercised by unappointed or unauthorised personnel; and whether the State faces increased exposure in the event of an accident, pollution incident, or vessel damage in such harbours. — Erin McGreehan. [18199/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Irish Coast Guard, the Marine Survey Office, or any other maritime safety authority has raised concerns regarding the absence of harbour masters in regional ports; and if so, the actions which have been taken in response to those concerns. — Erin McGreehan. [18200/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the absence of harbour masters in certain Irish harbours aligns with Ireland's obligations under EU maritime safety, port operations, and environmental protection directives, including requirements relating to vessel traffic management, pollution prevention, and port State control; and whether the European Commission has issued any queries or observations on this matter. — Erin McGreehan. [18201/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will address the need for expanded bus services at peak times in Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth to and from Dublin city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18213/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 289 of 16 December 2025, in relation to an update on a Local Link DRT service, whether his Department and the NTA have clarified their availability of funding for DRT services for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [18216/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport when the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025 will be published, given that the Minister of State stated in May 2025 that it would be enacted by year-end; the interim measures in place to provide local authority road engineers with access to collision location data, given that such data has not been shared since 2020 and the Data Protection Commission stated in April 2024 that GDPR should not prevent sharing anonymised crash location data; and to provide the number of fatal and serious injury collisions that have occurred on regional and local roads managed by local authorities in each year from 2019 to 2025 inclusive. — Pat Buckley. [18224/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the new (NTA run) MU1 and MU2 town bus services in Mullingar, County Westmeath do not accept the TFI child (5-8) Leap Card (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [18226/26]

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

*311. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the impact to date of the December 2025 regulations strengthening non-duty-paid tobacco limits; the data available on the prevalence of non-Irish duty-paid cigarettes before and after the introduction of the new regulations; the way in which the Revenue Commissioners are monitoring compliance; the monthly number of passengers found in breach of the revised limits; the quantities seized and the fixed penalties issued since commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [18036/26]

*312. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of roll-on roll-off (RORO) and lift-on /lift-off (LOLO) freight containers and foot passengers processed through Dublin Port in 2025; the number of searches conducted and tobacco seizures recorded at Dublin Port since December 2025; whether additional inspection capacity, detection technology or risk-profiling resources were deployed at Dublin Port following the introduction of new non-duty-paid tobacco enforcement measures in December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [18037/26]

*313. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the criteria used by the Revenue Commissioners to risk-assess and select passengers for inspection in relation to non-duty-paid tobacco allowances; whether this criteria was amended following the December 2025 regulatory changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [18038/26]

*314. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total loss or profit made by the Central Bank on the disposal of a building on Spencer Dock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18053/26]

*315. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the balance of the Credit Union Stabilisation Fund and the Credit Institution Resolution Fund at end December 2025 or the latest available figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18054/26]

*316. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18085/26]

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

*317. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Department considers current inaction at Rosslare Strand to be consistent with its obligations under the Coast Protection Act 1963; to provide the legal basis for any continued delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17880/26]

*318. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation which body is the lead authority for delivery of coastal protection works at Rosslare Strand (details supplied); to outline the governance and accountability arrangements currently in place to progress the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17881/26]

*319. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to detail any outstanding regulatory, planning, procurement or environmental assessment issues preventing commencement of works at Rosslare Strand; to provide a date by which each issue will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17882/26]

*320. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether a current risk assessment exists for Rosslare Strand in light of recent storm damage; if so, to publish the findings and any recommendations made to mitigate immediate and long-term risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17883/26]

*321. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his Department's assessment of the economic and employment impacts of continued coastal erosion at Rosslare Strand, including risks to tourism, local businesses, transport links and public infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17884/26]

*322. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to commit to publishing a clear public timeline with milestones for the delivery of the Rosslare Strand coastal protection scheme, including procurement, start date, and completion date, along with progress updates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17885/26]

*323. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when construction will commence on the Rosslare Strand coastal protection scheme; the definitive timeline for each phase of the works; the reasons for the continued delay in implementation of the scheme identified in the 2018 RPS Coastal Erosion and Flood Management Study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17886/26]

*324. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the immediate interim protective measures that will be put in place at Rosslare Strand ahead of the next winter storm season to prevent further erosion and risk to homes, infrastructure and the local economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17887/26]

*325. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the funding that has been allocated in 2026–2028 for coastal protection works at Rosslare Strand; the amount ring-fenced for the project; when these funds will be released for construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17888/26]

*326. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the estimated cost of the Rosslare Strand coastal protection scheme has increased since the 2018 estimate of €7.5 million; if so, to provide the revised costings and the reason for any increase attributable to delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17889/26]

*327. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the State's statutory obligations in respect of Rosslare Strand under the Coast Protection Act 1963, including section 26(5); the way in which the Department is ensuring that coastal protection works at Rosslare are maintained in proper repair and effective condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [17890/26]

*328. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of former senior civil servants (principal officer and above) who have still not either fully repaid, or on a repayment plan, following errors related to the chargeable excess tax on gold plated pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [17952/26]

*329. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 363 of 20 May 2025, the reason for the delay in having officials from the Office of Public Works to contact the group of relatives of the Invincibles buried in Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin, as directed to by the Minister of State for the Office of Public Works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18057/26]

*330. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18091/26]

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

*331. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he plans to issue the commencement order for the Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Act 2025, given that although the Act was signed into law on 16 December 2025, it has not yet come into operation pending such an order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [17906/26]

*332. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he expects the Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Act 2025 will come into force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [17911/26]

*333. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18084/26]

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

*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on diversity and inclusion policies within schools; the objectives pertaining to these policies; the number of such objectives

there are; whether they have commenced; and the timeline for their implementation across schools. — Robert Troy. [17876/26]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the sanctioning of a new ASD class at a school (details supplied). — Naoise Ó Muirí. [17877/26]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to report on the status of the stage 2 (a) submission by two schools (details supplied) with respect to their urgent need for redevelopment. — Seán Crowe. [17897/26]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the ongoing delays in responding to correspondence regarding a school (details supplied); if she is aware that despite repeated correspondence from a person within her Department including multiple occasions in September, October, November and again on 25 November 2025 the matter had been referred to a line manager, no substantive update or resolution has been provided; and if she will confirm when a response will issue. — Paula Butterly. [17907/26]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the basis on which an assistive technology application was refused, twice to date, for a child (details supplied) who has a diagnosis of dysgraphia and a joint occupational therapist/physiotherapist recommendation that assistive technology is essential on a full-time basis in order that they can access the school curriculum. — Sorca Clarke. [17928/26]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a breakdown of what the social inclusion fund within her Department is spent on; if she plans to increase this fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17936/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the free schoolbook scheme receives funding through the social inclusion fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17937/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth how much the social inclusion fund amounted to for the purpose of tackling educational disadvantage for the year 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17938/26]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the social inclusion fund in the Department provided funding for schoolbooks to tackle educational disadvantage for the year 2025 and 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17939/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children with SEN who have been refused an offer for a school place in counties Longford and Westmeath for the coming September intake; the breakdown of those refusals by disability type and school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [17944/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the additional school accommodation applications submitted by a school (details supplied) in 2023 and again in 2025; the stage each application is presently at within the Planning and Building Unit; and when the school can expect a formal decision. — Paula Butterly. [17953/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if interim modular accommodation will be approved for a school (details supplied) as an urgent measure ahead of September 2026, in light of projected enrolment growth and the school's current lack of adequate teaching space. — Paula Butterly. [17954/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason NCSE withdrew its October 2023 commitment to provide modular accommodation for two autism classes at a school (details supplied); and if she will address the discrepancy between the NCSE's stated position of "no demand" locally and the recent sanctioning of a special class in a neighbouring school. — Paula Butterly. [17955/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is satisfied that the current accommodation at a school (details supplied) complies with her Department's technical guidance documents, including TGD-022, TGD-020 and TGD-026; and if not, the immediate actions which will be taken to ensure compliance and safeguard pupil and staff welfare. — Paula Butterly. [17956/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school (details supplied) last received capital investment from her Department; if she is aware that the 2000 extension is now affected by damp, leaks and mould; and the remedial works which will be undertaken to address these issues. — Paula Butterly. [17957/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the decision making criteria and weighting used when selecting school building projects for prioritisation in the NDP sectoral plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17987/26]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which future school building projects will be prioritised for future rounds of NDP; the stakeholders that will be engaged and criteria that will apply; the date in Q2 when stakeholders will be engaged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17988/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the decision making criteria and weighting used when selecting which school in an area that should provide additional mainstream capacity when a shortage is identified (details supplied); if existing space, Gaeilge, special class provision are factors for example; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17989/26]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the fact that demand for school places in Portmarnock has beat Government projections by a full year; the emergency solutions she will bring forward to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18039/26]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her Department's recent enquiries, the number of unique applications for a junior infants mainstream place for September 2026 in schools in County Meath (details supplied); the number of those currently without an offer of a place in a local school; the method and timeline for providing additional capacity to meet demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [18069/26]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 66 of 17 February 2026, for an updated timeline for when this school will receive further guidance

on a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [18075/26]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in her Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff her Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between her Department and parent companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18083/26]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her current plans to deal with structural issues in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [18096/26]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the special education teacher allocation for a school (details supplied); if a review of the school's allocation has taken place or is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [18112/26]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of letters of eligibility which have been issued by the NCSE for children with autism and mild to moderate special needs, aged four to 18 years-of-age, in Dublin 10; the number of children with autism and mild to moderate special needs, aged 4 to 18 years-of-age, from D10 waiting for appropriate school places; the number of children who have ended up in schools outside D10 and the number of children who have ended up in mainstream classes in D10 and outside D10. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18115/26]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to ensure there are enough places with appropriate supports in existing primary and secondary schools in D10 for children with autism and mild to moderate special needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18116/26]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in noting that land has been identified for education facilities in Park West Dublin 10, if she will consider a purpose built school for children with autism and mild to moderate special needs as part of the Park West-Cherry Orchard Local Area Plan. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18117/26]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether verbal dyspraxia/apraxia of speech is recognised as eligible under Circular 0024/2025.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [18128/26]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether children with dual diagnoses are excluded from speech and language interventions if autism is deemed the primary category. — Shane Moynihan. [18129/26]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the evidential basis for maintaining IQ-based eligibility criteria in dyslexia provision. — Shane Moynihan. [18130/26]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific specialised interventions available in mainstream schools for severe dyslexia and severe speech motor disorders. — Shane Moynihan. [18131/26]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the acute lack of ASD unit places for children attending schools in County Wexford and in the south-east generally; the steps she intends to take to address this urgent need; if she will takes steps to ensure that a suitable place is found for a child (details supplied) who despite applying to every secondary school ASD unit in County Wexford has been unable to find a placement for the next school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [18143/26]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) will be awarded funding to complete a project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18145/26]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider an appeal under the emergency works programme for an application for a school (details supplied) that was refused to repair the dangerous, flooded area outside the infant classrooms that children must negotiate four times daily to access the yard and any recreation area; to address the safety concerns of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18146/26]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) will be permitted to progress from stage 2b of the additional accommodation scheme for a new building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18147/26]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of an additional accommodation project application by a school (details supplied); when they can proceed to the next phase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18148/26]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of a school's application (details supplied) under the additional accommodation scheme; when a decision will issue as to whether it can proceed to the next stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18149/26]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of multiple applications (details supplied) under the emergency works scheme, when decisions will be issued in each case as the works are urgently needed by the school and its pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18150/26]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a special school place for child (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [18159/26]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the delivery of a full-time, permanent building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18211/26]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a school building will be progressed (details supplied). — Jen Cummins. [18215/26]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of letters of eligibility have been issued by the NCSE for children with autism and mild to moderate special needs, from four to 18 years-of-age, in D10; the number of children with autism and mild to moderate special needs, four to 18 years-of-age, from D10 waiting for appropriate school places; the number of children have ended up in schools outside D10; and the number of children have ended up in mainstream classes in D10 and outside D10. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18225/26]

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

*376. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the repeal of the Censorship of Publications Acts 1929 to 1967; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [18170/26]

*377. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when approval will be given to the 2.1% increase for Eir pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18212/26]

*378. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to confirm that League of Ireland funding for astroturf will not be cut by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [17996/26]

*379. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18081/26]

*380. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number and names of all clubs (details supplied) awaiting a decision on relevant Department-backed capital grants to provide funding for astroturf playing facilities/surfaces; the number of existing allocations which are awaiting drawdown for the clubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18103/26]

*381. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport following the EU ban on the sale of rubber crumb infill in artificial grass pitches from 2032, to confirm if all projects involving artificial grass pitches being grant-aided by the State, through a Sports Capital Grant or directly by his Department or another department, will be conditional on another safer infill product being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18127/26]

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

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures which will be implemented to expedite the processing and finalisation of applications in Tailte Éireann; if he is aware that such delays are causing difficulties for people finalising the sale and purchase of properties; the timelines for drawing down mortgages/loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [17930/26]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Part V will be amended to include housing for people with disabilities on local authority housing lists and private home buyers. — Gillian Toole. [18184/26]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to allow for more one-off houses to be built to increase housing supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [17486/26]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has issued, or plans to issue, any guidelines, policy frameworks, or technical standards relating to the development of solar farms and battery energy storage systems; if he will outline the regulatory or planning guidance currently in place for these technologies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [14787/26]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the threat of invasive species on commonage land in the Cooley Mountains; the steps his Department is taking to tackle the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [6849/26]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total value of the vacant site levy since its inception, per annum, in tabular form; if he is content that it is having the desired impact since constituted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9541/26]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the most recent meeting of the National Emergency Co-ordination Group. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [12487/26]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the drafting of wind turbine guidelines that were promised in November; the progress has been made to date; when these guidelines will be published; when will they come in to force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [14594/26]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether State-owned gas companies are required to report gross profit percentages or sums to him. — Thomas Gould. [15321/26]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless families and single members of the Traveller community; and the length of time they have been homeless and in homeless accommodation, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [17910/26]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of applications for housing delivery office infrastructure which were received by close of deadline on 27 February 2026; the breakdown of those applications by local authority area, amount of funding requested in each application, and total number of housing units that would be activated by each application. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17921/26]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 372 of 26 February 2026, if he will confirm that Lough Corrib is listed under SI 293/1988 (details supplied) as salmonid waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17923/26]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific rules (details supplied) in applying for the Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People for people who wish to replace their windows and doors in the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [17945/26]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 620 of 27 January 2026 and Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 18 February 2026 if a qualifying interest SAC species is declining and failing to meet its detailed site-specific conservation objectives, if he will consider that an appropriate threshold point to draw up an SAC management plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17984/26]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the CAS scheme to allow it to be used for the purchase of second-hand properties for the disability sector which could then be retrofitted to suit the needs of the sector; if he will consider increasing the financial threshold so it would meet the cost of the adaptations required to meet fire regulations and HIQA and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [18032/26]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options for individuals fleeing domestic violence and who are forced to leave a joint local authority tenancy for their own safety; the alternatives available to them to moving to a new local authority and rejoining the bottom of the housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [18045/26]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered fast tracking a social housing passport style transfer option between local authorities for individuals fleeing domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [18046/26]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Department's review of the 2017 Policy and Procedural Guidance for Housing Authorities in relation to assisting victims of domestic violence with emergency and long-term accommodation needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [18047/26]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18089/26]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the national policy or policies which allow local authorities to deliver social, affordable and private housing tenures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [18113/26]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine the case for providing capital assistance scheme funding, or an alternative capital mechanism, to support the redevelopment of a disability housing property (details supplied); and whether flexibility can be applied in CAS policy for older properties whose original liens have long expired. — Albert Dolan. [18114/26]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the retrospective defective concrete blocks scheme; the timeline for full sign off, assurances that once signed off, funding will be made available without delay; to ensure commitment that the team are resourced and ready to process payments the moment approval is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [18124/26]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the overall cost of the payment and availabilities agreements with AHBs in each of the past five years; and the number of homes these have covered respectively, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18152/26]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the overall average cost of a payment and availability agreement with AHBs over the 30-year contract. — Thomas Gould. [18154/26]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm whether the Department operates any formal or published criteria for the designation of city status; if not, to outline the objective benchmarks used in advising Government on such matters; and if he will publish the basis upon which existing cities were designated. — Erin McGreehan. [18202/26]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current population of each designated city in the State at the time of its most recent legislative confirmation; to specify the population threshold, if any, that would trigger consideration of city status for another urban area. — Erin McGreehan. [18203/26]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify whether the Government has considered the designation of Dundalk as a city in the context of its strategic role within the Dublin-Belfast economic corridor; and whether any cross-departmental discussions have taken place on this matter. — Erin McGreehan. [18204/26]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Department has examined the establishment of a Dundalk metropolitan district with enhanced urban governance powers; the legislative steps that would be required; and to confirm whether this has been considered as a precursor to city designation. — Erin McGreehan. [18205/26]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a comparative analysis of Dundalk and the five designated cities in terms of population size, economic output, higher education provision and regional strategic role; and to indicate in which areas Dundalk falls short of city designation criteria, if any such criteria exist. — Erin McGreehan. [18206/26]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government has any intention within the lifetime of the current National Planning Framework to designate additional cities; and if not, to state the policy rationale for maintaining the current structure. — Erin McGreehan. [18207/26]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline whether a boundary review of Dundalk has been considered in light of sustained population growth; to state the mechanism by which such a review could be initiated; and whether the Minister will commit to examining this matter. — Erin McGreehan. [18208/26]

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

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 854 of 17 February 2026, the legal basis upon which home tutors engaged under the home tuition grant scheme are “classed as self-employed (PRSI Class S)” as a general position (details supplied); whether he will identify the employer in law for PRSI purposes in such cases; whether any administrative agreement or practice is being relied upon to maintain a dual classification that is,

employee for PAYE collection but self-employed for PRSI/auto-enrolment exclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17961/26]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide an update on the person's application; the timeframe for a payment to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17985/26]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 760 of 10 February 2026, if any internal briefing notes, guidance documents, policy papers, emails, memoranda or tracking systems exist within his Department concerning the enforcement, monitoring or recovery of retrospective PRSI liabilities arising from Scope decisions (details supplied); whether any records exist documenting engagement with the Revenue Commissioners regarding the operational interaction between Scope determinations and the Karshan Disclosure Opportunity; if such records exist, whether he will reconcile their existence with FOI-2026-28668, which stated that no such records exist; if no such records exist, to explain how full-period enforcement and tracking of PRSI liabilities is operationalised in practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [17986/26]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that jobseeker's allowance is means-tested for couples who are cohabiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [18059/26]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has considered options to maintain insurability for PhD scholarship holders, such as PRSI credits, so that eligibility for jobseeker's allowance can be sought after State-supported doctoral study; the outcome of any such analysis; the timeframe for a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [18060/26]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the conditions for mutual recognition of pension contributions between Ireland and Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [18077/26]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18093/26]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a contributory pension (details supplied) is being reduced due to early teaching years of 1974-1978/1979 is being treated differently from all subsequent years of teaching contributions therefore creating a gap in the contribution record. — Timmy Dooley. [18158/26]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average timeframe in 2025 for the finalisation of a Section 318 review under the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act 2005. — Liam Quaide. [18227/26]

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

*422. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of gardaí assigned to road policing in Cork from 2014 to date in 2026, by local station, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [17902/26]

*423. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if it is common practice to refuse to issue statements of reckonable residency by post when requested by the passport office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [17903/26]

*424. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason a request by a person (details supplied) for a statement of reckonable residency was sent by email on multiple occasions rather than posted as requested given that this was a demand from the Passport Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [17905/26]

*425. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff currently employed by Fiosrú, the Police Ombudsman; the percentage of those staff who previously served as members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [17909/26]

*426. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the opening of Carrickmacross Courthouse for operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17943/26]

*427. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a paper application for naturalisation to a person who cannot use the online system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [17964/26]

*428. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Garda Commissioner and his leadership teams in the Garda and or Fiosrú, have provided him with the policy on use of taser, in line with similar Garda policies that is the incapacitant spray policy which are publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [18064/26]

*429. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Garda Commissioner or his leadership teams, the Garda and or Fiosrú, has provided him with the policy on the Garda use of force policy, in line with similar Garda policies such as the incapacitant spray policy which are publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [18065/26]

*430. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Garda Commissioner and his leadership teams the Garda and or Fiosrú, has provided him with the protocol, if any exists for cases in which an individual is seriously injured, or dies following taser use, whether immediately after a taser is issued or from the effects of a taser for example due to a head injury after falling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [18066/26]

*431. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18090/26]

*432. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the level of overcrowding in Limerick prison that is, the capacity of the prison, the current number of prisoners held there either on remand or serving sentences, whether our prisons are in breach of international regulations or Government targets; the steps he will take to alleviate any overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [18097/26]

*433. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a detailed up-to-date progress report on an application by the Kerry County Board for significant funding under the IIP scheme in respect of the Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence in Currans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [18118/26]

*434. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a decision on a visa application by a medical doctor (details supplied) who wishes to reside in Ireland will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [18123/26]

*435. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and rank of Gardaí that have undergone pursuit driving training at a training facility outside of the jurisdiction in the past three years to date; and the location of the training and associated costs. — Aidan Farrelly. [18139/26]

*436. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the short and medium-term plans for the continuation of the Ukrainian accommodation scheme; to provide details on the most suitable contact point for property owners currently engaged in the scheme. — Robert Troy. [18141/26]

*437. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a citizenship application (details supplied) will be completed, and a decision reached given it is 34 months since the application was first lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18151/26]

*438. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a detailed update in relation to strategies or initiatives his Department is taking to tackle increasing online misinformation and cyber-crimes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [17213/26]

*439. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to address the delay for spouses of critical skills employment permit holders receiving their visas; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18214/26]

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

*440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [17920/26]

*441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the appeal procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [17973/26]

*442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of, and the reason for delay in publishing the 2024 Horse Racing Ireland's annual report and financial statement. — Paul Murphy. [17983/26]

*443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown, by weight, by month, by origin of the amount of beef imported into Ireland for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Martin Kenny. [18003/26]

*444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a break down by weigh, by month of the amount of Irish cattle slaughtered and processed in Irish meat processing plants for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Martin Kenny. [18004/26]

*445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a break down by weight, by month, by destination of the amount of beef exported from Ireland for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Martin Kenny. [18005/26]

*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds that retired from racing in each of the past five years. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18006/26]

*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of retired greyhounds rehomed versus euthanised annually over the past five years. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18007/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures in place to ensure the welfare of greyhounds after retirement from racing. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18008/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds which received veterinary care funded by the State in each of the past five years. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18009/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether there are official inspections or audits of greyhound rehoming facilities; and the outcomes of those inspections in the past three years. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18010/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds which are currently registered with a charity (details supplied); the number which have retired; and the number which have been adopted in the past 12 months. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18011/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the oversight which exist to ensure that greyhounds not required for racing are not inappropriately euthanised. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18012/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reporting mechanisms which exist for tracking the welfare outcomes of retired racing greyhounds. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18013/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds which are currently in long-term care awaiting adoption; and the average length of time they remain in such care. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18014/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether there are initiatives to improve adoption rates of retired greyhounds nationally. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18015/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether funding allocations for greyhound welfare have increased or decreased over the past five years. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18016/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the mechanisms which exist for whistleblowers or inspectors to report welfare concerns in the greyhound racing sector. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18017/26]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the State ensures that retired greyhounds are not subject to neglect or poor conditions while awaiting adoption. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18018/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proportion of retired greyhounds which are rehomed domestically versus exported abroad. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18019/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps which are being taken to educate the public on adopting retired racing greyhounds. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18020/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual amount of public funding that flows specifically to a stadium (details supplied) for racing operations. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18021/26]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether a stadium (details supplied) has received any one-off government grants in the past five years; and the purposes of those grants. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18022/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which State funds at a stadium (details supplied) is audited and reported, including transparency regarding welfare allocations. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18023/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether a stadium (details supplied) contributes financially to independent greyhound rehoming organizations or welfare initiatives in County Kildare. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18024/26]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details of any Government oversight specific to a stadium (details supplied), including inspections, reporting, or compliance requirements. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18025/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that public funding to a stadium (details supplied) is not disproportionately higher than to other tracks; and to provide comparative figures if available. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18026/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the schemes available to compensate farmers who have suffered substantial losses due to ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [18052/26]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his/her Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his/her Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18078/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of equine premises numbers currently registered to premises located within urban or built-up areas, by local authority; the number of equines registered to such premises, by local authority; the number of equines recorded on his Department's equine identification and registration systems as being located in urban or built-up areas that are not linked to a registered equine premises number; the number of reports and complaints received by An Garda Síochána relating to horses in urban or built-up areas in each of the past five years; the number of investigations initiated, animals seized, and prosecutions commenced arising from those reports, in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18162/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will designate Greencastle Harbour, County Donegal as a pelagic landing port for catches over ten tonnes. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18164/26]

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

*471. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the recommendations in the Disability Action Plan (2024-2026) in relation to the provision of 900 additional residential care places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [17931/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the full implementation of the recommendations in the Disability Action Plan (2024-2026); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [17932/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken to ensure that children with complex disabilities can access specialised early-years placements where no appropriate service exists within their immediate CDNT catchment area; whether flexibility is permitted across CHO boundaries in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [17934/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in respect of her Department's pre-2022 responsibility for disability services, to provide the total funding allocated by her Department towards the decongregation of disability service settings for all relevant years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17979/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in respect of her Department's pre-2022 responsibility for disability services, to provide the total funding spent by her Department, and agencies under its remit, in pursuit of the decongregation policy for disability residential services for all relevant years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17980/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in respect of her Department's pre-2022 responsibility for disability services, to provide the total number of individual service users who have been relocated from congregated settings to community settings for all relevant years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17981/26]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in respect of her Department's pre-2022 responsibility for disability services, the number of places in congregated settings which have been suppressed following the death of a service user, or for any reason other than relocation to a community setting, for all relevant years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17982/26]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality as a result of the publication of the HSE Capital Plan for 2026, if she will provide more detailed information on the projects planned to progress with disability services in Cork and Kerry during 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [18125/26]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE staff in Blakestown Children's Disability Network Team, Blanchardstown Children's Disability Network Team and Cabra Grangegorman Children's Disability Network Team, broken down per occupation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [18156/26]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, in respect of her Department's pre-2022 responsibility for disability services, the number of total service users which have been in place in congregated disability service settings, for all relevant years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18197/26]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total funding allocated by her Department towards the decongregation of disability service settings for all years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17974/26]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total funding spent by her Department, and agencies under its remit, in pursuit of the decongregation policy for disability residential services for all years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17975/26]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of individual service users who have been relocated from congregated settings to community settings for all years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17976/26]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of places in congregated settings which have been suppressed following the death of a service user, or for any reason other than relocation to a community setting, for all years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17977/26]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of total service users which have been in place in congregated disability service settings, for all years following the publication of the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy in 2011, in tabular form. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17978/26]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn a childcare provider (details supplied) which has recently announced its closure due to a significant rise in operational costs, staff retention and recruitment; if her Department has been in touch with the childcare provider; the steps she will take to expand childcare provision in Dublin 5; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [17995/26]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the planned building blocks capital programme for childcare facilities. — Malcolm Byrne. [18002/26]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the current funding model for the Early Years Access and Inclusion Model (AIM), will be extended into the 2026 academic year; if a decision has been made regarding a continuation or redesign of the scheme; the timeline which applies to the announcement of any extension; the changes, if any, are proposed to eligibility criteria, capitation rates, Level 7 supports, or administrative processes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [18027/26]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [18034/26]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the measures being taken by her Department to increase staffing levels in CDNTs and to reduce waiting times for access to services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [17868/26]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to improve conditions for chefs working in childcare setting given issues that have been raised (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [18076/26]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in her Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff her Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between her Department and parent companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18079/26]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the ratification of the second optional protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18126/26]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE staff in Blakestown, Blanchardstown and Cabra Grangegorman Children’s Disability Network Teams, broken down per occupation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [18157/26]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has identified any buildings for the purpose of developing after school childcare in north Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18209/26]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her Department's efforts to improve accessibility in towns in north Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18210/26]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the implications of the proposed Tusla structural reform on Tusla services in Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18217/26]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality considering the structural reform in Tusla underway the number of children in care that do not currently have an allocated professionally qualified social worker in each geographical area for which figures are compiled, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18218/26]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of additional children in Tusla care within the Cavan and Monaghan Tusla structures as a result of the ongoing structural reform; if plans are in place to ensure that they will each have an allocated professionally qualified social worker; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18219/26]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in Tusla care that are unallocated to a professionally qualified social worker in Cavan Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18220/26]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there will be an expansion of fostering services to match the projected need in the area in Cavan Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18221/26]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether there will be increase in funding and staffing for Tusla in the Cavan Monaghan area to meet the needs and provide services for children and families availing of Tusla services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18222/26]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No's 825, 820 and 822 of 30 September 2025, when responses will issue to the queries raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18228/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for recent changes (details supplied) relating to paramedics in the National Ambulance Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [17926/26]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address an issue, whereby the increases in the State pension is pushing many senior citizens over the threshold for a medical card, thus causing the loss of full medical card; if he will consult with the Department of Health to ensure that the medical card thresholds are raised in line with pension rises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [15298/26]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health for an overview of the proposed health infrastructure developments in Kerry during 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [17503/26]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans to expand acute bed capacity in University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [17504/26]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the current status, from a public expenditure and approvals perspective, of capital projects at Beaumont Hospital including the emergency department, additional inpatient bed capacity and diagnostic infrastructure; whether her Department has identified any delays or blockages in progressing these projects from approval to construction; the steps being taken to address any such delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [11104/26]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health the measures her Department is taking to provide an occupational therapist for Laois, as there has been none in the county since 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [13097/26]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health to consider the reintroduction of paid special leave for those public sector workers suffering from long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [10739/26]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that food imported into Ireland by food processing companies and used in processed foods is correctly labelled with country of origin in relation to the ingredients of such products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [6779/26]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health when she expects to make a decision on the report prepared by the expert group established by the HSE to examine the implications of the final review (details supplied) for gender-related healthcare services in Ireland; whether she has received and reviewed that report; whether any recommendations within it relate to safeguarding, clinical standards, or risk-mitigation for children and adolescents; and the reason the findings of that report have not yet been published or acted upon. — Ken O'Flynn. [7691/26]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which she can defend the development or revision of national policy and models of care for gender identity services for children and young people in circumstances where the Health Service Executive has confirmed that neither her Department or the HSE has any policy governing the collection, verification, or publication of data on referrals, diagnoses, comorbidities, treatment pathways or outcomes; when she first became aware of these data gaps; and the immediate steps she is now taking to ensure that paediatric healthcare policy is grounded in evidence, outcome monitoring and proper governance. — Ken O'Flynn. [9787/26]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which she satisfies herself that public funds are being spent in a manner that meets basic standards of governance, safeguarding, and accountability (details supplied); and whether she accepts that reliance on financial audit alone does not constitute effective oversight. — Ken O'Flynn. [9969/26]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the correspondence (details supplied); if she will review the current supports available to healthcare workers diagnosed with long-Covid

who contracted the illness in the course of their employment during the Covid pandemic; if she will outline the rationale for the cessation of the special leave with pay (SLWP) arrangements and the transition to affected workers to standard sick leave and temporary rehabilitation remuneration; if she will advise whether consideration is being given to recognising long-Covid as an occupational illness for healthcare and social care workers; if she will outline what financial and social protection supports are available to healthcare workers who remain unable to return to work due to long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [17878/26]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, to outline the proposed governance, funding flows and accountability arrangements for the regional structures within the HSE health regions; whether local drug and alcohol task forces will retain independent governance and decision-making authority over locally delivered programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17891/26]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding will be allocated within the proposed regional structures under the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; whether deprivation, social exclusion and patterns of entrenched drug-related harm will be formally weighted alongside population in determining resource allocation; and if she will publish the criteria to be used by HSE health regions in making funding decisions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17892/26]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health whether, under the proposed regional structures in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, all public funding for community-based drug services, including local drug and alcohol task forces, will be pooled at HSE health region level; the safeguards that will be put in place to prevent dilution of funding to areas of high deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [17893/26]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health whether there has been a change in policy within the National Ambulance Service regarding the transition of graduating paramedics from specified purpose contracts to permanent positions; the reason for requiring an internal competition process; the number of paramedics which are affected in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [17908/26]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, the proposed governance, funding flows and accountability arrangements for the regional structures within the HSE Health Regions; whether local drug and alcohol task forces will retain independent governance and decision-making authority over locally delivered programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17912/26]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding will be allocated within the proposed regional structures under the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; whether deprivation, social exclusion and patterns of entrenched drug-related harm will be formally weighted alongside population in determining resource allocation; and if she will publish the criteria to be used by HSE health regions in making funding decisions. — Mark Ward. [17913/26]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health whether, under the proposed regional structures in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, all public funding for community-based drug services, including local drug and alcohol task forces, will be pooled at HSE health region level; the safeguards that will be put in place to prevent dilution of funding to areas of high deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [17914/26]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the actual live birth outcomes for the State-funded IVF scheme to date; the number of women who commenced a treatment cycle; the number of live births resulting from those cycles; the average cost to the State per live birth achieved; and to outline why only estimated clinical pregnancy rates per embryo transfer, rather than verified live birth data, have been published to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [17915/26]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of Restorative Reproductive Medicine (RRM) as a treatment for infertility; and whether consideration will be given to supporting or funding RRM as an alternative or complementary option to IVF, particularly for couples who cannot access IVF for religious or personal reasons. — Peadar Tóibín. [17916/26]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health the specific steps being taken to ensure the HSE considers the time-critical nature of Friedreich's ataxia during the current price negotiations for skylarys, the only drug approved for treatment of this condition, given the 570 days since the application for use was lodged and the rapid progression of the disease in sufferers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17917/26]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the commitments in the National Rare Disease Strategy 2025 – 2030 are being applied to the approval process for the drug skylarys used to treat Friedreich's ataxia to prevent further delays in addressing the unmet need of sufferers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17918/26]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the 2026 IPHA Framework Agreement on access to new and innovative medicines which aims for a 180-day decision timeline is being applied to the drug skylarys used to treat Friedreich's ataxia to prevent further delays in addressing the unmet need of sufferers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17919/26]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who cannot be discharged from a hospital on delayed discharge of care due to the fact they do not have a fixed abode, by name of hospital, in 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [17929/26]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health whether statistics are held by her Department regarding the number of residents in Ireland diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome; and the number of adults and minors respectively. — Máire Devine. [17933/26]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the case of a child whose application for placement (details supplied) was refused solely on jurisdictional grounds despite the absence of any equivalent specialised preschool provision in their own catchment area; whether CHO boundary rules override clinical recommendations in such circumstances; the mechanism which exist to permit cross-boundary placements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [17935/26]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address concerns raised by LGBTQ+ families around the assisted human reproduction legislation, particularly around the lack of recognition for families formed through regulated and safeguarded international surrogacy, if they reside abroad; the exclusion of same-sex female couples who conceived without clinical assistance, post May 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17940/26]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address concerns from the assisted human reproduction legislation particularly around parental recognition made contingent on the surrogate's post birth consent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17941/26]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health if the assisted human reproduction legislation fully support the rights of children and parents and comply with Ireland's obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17942/26]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, the proposed governance, funding flows and accountability arrangements for the regional structures within the HSE health regions; whether Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces will retain independent governance and decision-making authority over locally delivered programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17948/26]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding will be allocated within the proposed regional structures under the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; whether deprivation, social exclusion and patterns of entrenched drug-related harm will be formally weighted alongside population in determining resource allocation; and if she will publish the criteria to be used by HSE health regions in making funding decisions. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17949/26]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures which will be put in place to protect the independent, community-led role of Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces under the proposed regional governance arrangements in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17950/26]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health whether, under the proposed regional structures in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, all public funding for community-based drug services, including Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces, will be pooled at HSE Health region level; the safeguards which will be put in place to prevent dilution of funding to areas of high deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [17951/26]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene to ensure that the HSE prioritises a conclusion to the Skyclarys reimbursement negotiations, given that it is the only available treatment for this progressive disease, which currently can be classed as having an 'unmet need' as outlined in the National Rare Disease Strategy 2025 – 2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17958/26]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the current delay regarding the Skyclarys reimbursement negotiations aligns with the "equitable access" promised in the newly launched National Rare Disease Strategy 2025-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [17959/26]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health to provide further clarification and reasoning behind the changes within the HSE to the employment opportunities for paramedics; if she will ensure that the 80 paramedics who have recently qualified will be guaranteed permanent contracts, given they had been informed that would happen at the beginning of their contracts; if she has considered reversing the changes that have been implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [17960/26]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing full State funding for the shingles (herpes zoster) vaccine for all adults aged 60 and over, in light of the current out-of-pocket cost of approx. €500, which places it beyond the reach of many older people; and to outline her Department's assessment of international models, including the United Kingdom and Australia, where the vaccine is provided free-of-charge to eligible age groups. — Paula Butterly. [17962/26]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, to outline the proposed governance, funding flows and accountability arrangements for the regional structures within the HSE Health Regions; whether Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces will retain independent governance and decision-making authority over locally delivered programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [17963/26]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding will be allocated within the proposed regional structures under the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; whether deprivation, social exclusion and patterns of entrenched drug-related harm will be formally weighted alongside population in determining resource allocation; and if she will publish the criteria to be used by HSE Health Regions in making funding decisions. — Catherine Ardagh. [17965/26]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures which will be put in place to protect the independent, community-led role of Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces under the proposed regional governance arrangements in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [17966/26]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health whether, under the proposed regional structures in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, all public funding for community-based drug services, including Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces, will be pooled at HSE Health Region level; the safeguards which will be put in place to prevent dilution of funding to areas of high deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [17968/26]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, to outline the proposed governance, funding flows and accountability arrangements for the regional structures within the HSE Health Regions; whether Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces will retain independent governance and decision-making authority over locally delivered programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [17969/26]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding will be allocated within the proposed regional structures under the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; whether deprivation, social exclusion and patterns of entrenched drug-related harm will be formally weighted alongside population in determining resource allocation; and if she will publish the criteria to be used by HSE Health Regions in making funding decisions. — Mark Wall. [17970/26]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures which will be put in place to protect the independent, community-led role of Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces under the proposed regional governance arrangements in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [17971/26]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health whether, under the proposed regional structures in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, all public funding for community-based drug services, including Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces, will be pooled at HSE Health Region level; the safeguards which will be put in place to prevent dilution of funding to areas of high deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [17972/26]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 25 February 2026, to provide further clarity on the reason such pain relief is not considered under the drugs payment scheme; the current assessment of Versatis plasters is under the scheme; if there have been any exceptional circumstances where these plasters have been approved for unlicensed use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [17990/26]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the recent change that means that newly qualified paramedics are no longer being offered permanent positions within the National Ambulance Service (details supplied); whether the Department of Health was made aware of this change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [17992/26]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the problems encountered by recently qualified paramedics in gaining employment with the National Ambulance Service; if she believes that the paramedic qualification should effectively remain tied to a single employer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [17993/26]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the National Ambulance Service (NAS) following reports that approximately 80 newly qualified paramedics received an email from the NAS instructing them to sign a 16-week contract extension in order to remain in employment long enough to apply for a permanent position; the reason no prior engagement or warning was provided to the paramedics concerned regarding this change; if she will address concerns that this process enables the NAS to introduce the previously rejected roles and responsibilities, leaving new paramedics with no choice but to accept them in order to secure permanent positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [17994/26]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, to outline the proposed governance, funding flows and accountability arrangements for the regional structures within the HSE health regions; whether local drug and alcohol task forces will retain independent governance and decision-making authority over locally delivered programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [17997/26]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the way funding will be allocated within the proposed regional structures under the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; whether deprivation, social exclusion and patterns of entrenched drug-related harm will be formally weighted alongside population in determining resource allocation; and if she will publish the criteria to be used by HSE Health Regions in making funding decisions. — Máire Devine. [17998/26]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures she will be put in place to protect the independent, community-led role of local drug and alcohol task forces under the proposed regional governance arrangements in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [17999/26]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health whether, under the proposed regional structures in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, all public funding for community-based drug services, including local drug and alcohol task forces, will be pooled at HSE Health Region level; the safeguards which will be put in place to prevent dilution of funding to areas of high deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [18000/26]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, the proposed governance, funding flows and accountability arrangements for the regional structures within the HSE health regions; whether local drug and alcohol task forces will retain independent governance and decision-making authority over locally delivered programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [18028/26]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding will be allocated within the proposed regional structures under the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; whether deprivation, social exclusion and patterns of entrenched drug-related harm will be formally weighted alongside population in determining resource allocation; if she will publish the criteria to be used by HSE Health Regions in making funding decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [18029/26]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures that will be put in place to protect the independent, community-led role of local drug and alcohol task forces under the proposed regional governance arrangements in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [18030/26]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health whether under the proposed regional structures in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026–2029, all public funding for community-based drug services, including local drug and alcohol task forces, will be pooled at HSE Health Region level the safeguards that will be put in place to prevent dilution of funding to areas of high deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [18031/26]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently awaiting a dementia specific bed at Killarney Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [18033/26]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to introduce amendments to regulate nicotine pouches in the forthcoming Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) (Amendment) Bill 2026 given that the European Commission has indicated its intention to publish its evaluation of the Tobacco Products Directive in the first half of 2026 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [18035/26]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to institute a mandatory transition pathway from CAMHS to AMHS for patients with diagnosed eating disorders, given that many patients currently experience a lapse in care in moving between the services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18040/26]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist WTE posts dealing with eating disorders are currently vacant across the HSE; where those posts located; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18041/26]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand existing services to tackle eating disorders, especially with a view to achieving an equitable regional distribution in service provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18042/26]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to review the 2018 Model of Care treating Eating Disorders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18043/26]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if she will collect comprehensive national data on patients presenting with eating disorders, including those at emergency departments and at GP clinics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [18044/26]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health to make acarizax available under the drug payment scheme; to recommend a course of action for a family facing unmanageable prescription charges due to having to pay for it, in addition to other medications which are on the drug payment scheme, but still cost €80; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [18051/26]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to resolve the situation in south Kildare and west Wicklow, where the health service is operating with a staffing vacancy rate of 44%, there is insufficient capacity to meet current clinical demand, and a routine referral to see a physiotherapist in south Kildare and west Wicklow is currently a 77-week waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [18055/26]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of those studying medicine in higher education institutions in the State at present and in each of the past five years who are non-EU students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18056/26]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1079 of 24 February 2026, if funding for the Integrated Homeless Services Hub in Cork city has been approved; if so, the amount allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [18061/26]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the delay in progressing the development of the new Paediatric Unit in Cork University Hospital, given that it was granted planning permission in 2022 (details supplied); the current timeline for construction and opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [18062/26]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neurosurgeons at Cork University Hospital in 2024 and 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [18063/26]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2424 of 13 January 2026, the status of the community nursing units located at St. Finbarr's Cork, Midleton, Thomastown and Clonmel; if any have been handed over to the HSE; if not, the timeline for each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [18073/26]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in her Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff her Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential

conflicts of interest between her Department and parent companies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18088/26]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health further to the publication of the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026-2029, to outline the proposed governance, funding flows and accountability arrangements for the regional structures within the HSE Health Regions; whether local drug and alcohol task forces will retain independent governance and decision-making authority over locally delivered programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [18099/26]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which funding will be allocated within the proposed regional structures under the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026-2029; whether deprivation, social exclusion and patterns of entrenched drug-related harm will be formally weighted alongside population in determining resource allocation; and if she will publish the criteria to be used by HSE Health Regions in making funding decisions. — Ann Graves. [18100/26]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures that will be put in place to protect the independent, community-led role of local drug and alcohol task forces under the proposed regional governance arrangements in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026-2029; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [18101/26]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health whether, under the proposed regional structures in the draft National Drugs Strategy 2026-2029, all public funding for community-based drug services, including local drug and alcohol task forces, will be pooled at HSE health region level; what safeguards will be put in place to prevent dilution of funding to areas of high deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [18102/26]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health following on from the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025, her plans to deal with the sale and advertising of nicotine pouches targeted at minors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [18107/26]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff currently on sick leave or stress-related leave, by staff category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [18110/26]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of bullying reported by HSE staff in the most recent year for which data is available, broken down by hospital group, CHO area and staff category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [18111/26]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on ADHD services in CHO7; if there is a fully staffed team in place; the current wait time from referral to appointment, the number of referrals awaiting an appointment by year for the past three years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18119/26]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if interim supports are in place for individuals living with ADHD who cannot currently access a public care pathway due to capacity issues within the system; if it is acknowledged by the health service that individuals in this position are mentally and financially impacted by the lack of access to services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18120/26]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the reason 80 newly qualified paramedics who have completed a three year BSC in Paramedic Studies and all necessary examinations, placements and assessments will not move to permanent roles in the National Ambulance Service in what is a break from established practice. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18121/26]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant orthodontist posts currently vacant in HSE south-west Cork and Kerry, the plans to recruit same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [18122/26]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health when it is intended to fully implement the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [18142/26]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the absence of a paediatric ophthalmology service currently in Nenagh primary care centre as the previous ophthalmologist retired; the steps that are being taken to recruit a suitably qualified ophthalmologist for this area; and when this person will be in position. — Michael Lowry. [18144/26]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health whether a chairperson has been assigned to the cannabis access review panel; if so, whether the Minister could advise the person chosen; if not, when will this position be filled so that work on the review can be commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [18163/26]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE senior management staff pre-reconfiguration to the HSE health regions; and the number of HSE senior management staff as of March 2026. — Liam Quaide. [18165/26]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Hearing Care Plan Working Group established in 2024; the work completed to date; when the recommendations will be published; and the expected timeline for implementation. — Erin McGreehan. [18173/26]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to reduce waiting times for adult audiology services; and if additional resources will be allocated to address this backlog. — Erin McGreehan. [18174/26]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider expanding access to community based audiology services for HSE medical card holders and help reduce pressure on hospital ENT and audiology services. — Erin McGreehan. [18175/26]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address untreated age-related hearing loss as a public health priority, given that the Lancet Commission identifies hearing loss as the biggest modifiable risk factor for dementia and that managing hearing loss between ages 45-65 years reduces dementia risk by 7%. — Erin McGreehan. [18177/26]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will introduce a national awareness campaign on age related hearing loss, given evidence that people often wait between seven to ten years before seeking help and that 66% of hearing aid users regret not acting sooner. — Erin McGreehan. [18178/26]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health whether hearing care will be incorporated into Ireland's Healthy Ageing Strategy, given the strong links between untreated hearing loss, social isolation, mental ill health, and loss of independence. — Erin McGreehan. [18179/26]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health if she will explore partnerships with community based providers to deliver timely hearing assessments and hearing aid fittings, noting that early diagnosis and support can reduce isolation, improve mental wellbeing and lower the risk of dementia. — Erin McGreehan. [18180/26]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of adults currently on waiting lists for audiology services in each CHO area; the average and longest waiting times in each area; and the number waiting more than six, 12 and 18 months, in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [18181/26]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children awaiting audiology assessment or treatment in hospital-based audiology services and community-based audiology services, by CHO area; and the steps being taken to address regional disparities, in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [18182/26]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown, of current staffing levels and vacancies in audiology services in each CHO area; the number of posts filled and unfilled for senior audiologists, staff grade audiologists, clinical specialists, ENT linked audiology posts, and administrative support roles, in tabular form. — Erin McGreehan. [18185/26]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the way staffing shortages in audiology services are contributing to the waiting lists and capacity pressures; and to provide a plan to address recruitment and retention challenges. — Erin McGreehan. [18186/26]

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

*603. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of those studying medicine in higher education institutions in the State at present and in each of the past five years who are non-EU students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18058/26]

*604. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18087/26]

*605. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to streamline assessment processes, given the growing number of tertiary agreements being further education and training institutes and universities put in place through the Tertiary Office, to allow colleges and universities to observe the quality of the work being submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [18105/26]

*606. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of tertiary agreements being put in place through the Tertiary Office, set out by ETB area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [18106/26]

*607. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of audiologists graduating annually; the number recruited into HSE posts in each of the past five years; and whether training capacity will be expanded to meet rising demand. — Erin McGreehan. [18187/26]

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

*608. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department plans to engage staff from the private sector who work in accountancy and corporate law firms to work in his Department during the course of the upcoming EU Presidency term; the terms under which such staff will be engaged; the number of staff his Department plans to hire; the measures planned to guard against potential conflicts of interest between his Department and parent companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18092/26]

*609. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to reintroduce Gaeltacht grants for roads in Gaeltacht areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [18108/26]

*610. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to introduce housing incentives for Irish language speakers to live in Gaeltacht regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [18109/26]

*611. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total amount of funding allocated to respective local authorities in 2023 and in 2024 for all rural schemes provided by his Department (details supplied), including the town and village renewal scheme, CLÁR, LEADER, LIS, outdoor recreation and rural regeneration, by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [18223/26]