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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos. — Ruth Coppinger. [28286/26]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28396/26]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — John Connolly. [29772/26]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30330/26]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos. — Jen Cummins. [30356/26]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30491/26]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30495/26]

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

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

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

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore energy clearinghouse. — Jennifer Whitmore. [28397/26]

19. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore wind energy clearing house. — Darren O'Rourke. [29768/26]

20. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore wind energy clearing house. — Liam Quaide. [29770/26]

21. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore wind energy clearing house. — Barry Heneghan. [29773/26]

22. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore wind energy clearing house. — Louis O'Hara. [30323/26]

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28. To ask the Taoiseach to provide an update on the work of the Cabinet offshore wind energy clearing house. — Paul Lawless. [30526/26]

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

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

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

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

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [29769/26]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [29771/26]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [29774/26]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29775/26]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [29777/26]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30022/26]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [28756/26]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29034/26]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [29037/26]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30497/26]

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

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

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

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

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [29778/26]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30023/26]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29035/26]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [29038/26]

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30352/26]

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

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

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

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

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30024/26]

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

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

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

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

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26721/26]

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Louis O'Hara. [30324/26]

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30353/26]

64. To ask the Taoiseach Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Jen Cummins. [30358/26]

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

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

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

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

69. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26722/26]

70. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Louis O'Hara. [30325/26]

71. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — James Geoghegan. [29681/26]

72. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30354/26]

73. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Rory Hearne. [30469/26]

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

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

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

77. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [26723/26]

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

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

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

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

82. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28189/26]

83. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [28757/26]

84. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Rory Hearne. [30468/26]

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

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

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

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

89. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28190/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

99. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent UK-Ireland Summit. — Cormac Devlin. [21382/26]

100. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent UK-Ireland Summit.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [21383/26]

101. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Martin Daly. [23618/26]

102. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Michael Cahill. [23619/26]

103. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [23620/26]

104. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29776/26]

105. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with US President Donald Trump. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22413/26]

106. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with US President Donald Trump. — Paul Murphy. [22416/26]

107. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report his Saint Patrick’s Day visit to the United States. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [22422/26]

108. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report his Saint Patrick’s Day visit to the United States. — Malcolm Byrne. [22423/26]

109. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his Saint Patrick’s Day visit to the United States. — Shane Moynihan. [22424/26]

110. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22414/26]

111. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. — Paul Murphy. [22417/26]

112. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Spanish Prime Minister. — Malcolm Byrne. [28399/26]

113. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the Spanish Prime Minister. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [28400/26]

114. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent EU Council meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [22415/26]

115. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent EU Council meeting. — Paul Murphy. [22418/26]

116. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Séamus McGrath. [24952/26]

117. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cork city taskforce will be established. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24953/26]

118. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Paul McAuliffe. [24954/26]

119. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — Tom Brabazon. [24955/26]

120. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on his meetings with the Labour Employer Economic Forum; the frequency with which he has met with the forum since he last reported to the Dáil on the matter (details supplied). — Tony McCormack. [29534/26]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

121. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures his Department is taking to address the increasing number of shop closures in towns and villages across the State contributing to growing levels of dereliction; to detail any current or planned initiatives aimed at supporting small and independent retailers in rural and regional areas, including financial supports, rates relief or targeted regeneration schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30924/26]

122. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional measures he will put in place to support small and medium-sized enterprises facing increased operating costs arising from the ongoing fuel crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30925/26]

123. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department intends to review legislation on remote working arrangements in the context of the current fuel crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [30948/26]

124. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measurable improvements in national competitiveness have been achieved since the publication of the Government's Action Plan on Competitiveness and Productivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30926/26]

125. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider targeted supports for family-run and seasonal businesses in Mayo that are particularly vulnerable to economic fluctuations, in view of the fact that these businesses are often the backbone of the economy in rural areas and require support year round; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [30586/26]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

126. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures he is taking to support the retail sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30062/26]

127. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on the IDA's application for planning permission for a factory on its green-field site at Creagh, Ballinasloe; the expected timeline for approval and the works to make the site investment-ready; and the further steps that are planned to attract enterprise investment once permission is secured. — Martin Daly. [30510/26]

128. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current position regarding the IDA-owned lands at Ballingarrane in south Tipperary, including the extent to which IDA Ireland is actively promoting the site following the recent grant of planning permission for an advance building; the marketing and investor engagement strategy now being pursued, including international outreach and the inclusion of the site within IDA property portfolios; whether any expressions of interest or enquiries have been received to date; to provide an updated timeline for the delivery of an advance facility on the lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [24947/26]

129. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the initiatives he or his Department or associated State agencies have taken to encourage prospective new owners to establish a business at the former factory (details supplied) at Carrickmacross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30067/26]

130. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment his Department has made of the impact of recent fuel price increases on small and medium-sized enterprises, particularly in transport, construction and agri-related sectors; and if he will outline any targeted supports under consideration. — Albert Dolan. [30164/26]

131. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which his Department is ensuring that small- and medium-sized enterprises can move from AI awareness initiatives into measurable productivity gains from AI adoption; the changes that are required on current schemes to ensure sufficient scale and design; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30424/26]

132. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his assessment of the likely impact of current aviation challenges on the number of overseas visitors to Ireland in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [30451/26]

133. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his assessment of the recent escalation in retail crime, including theft, organised shoplifting and related antisocial behaviour; the impact this it is having on small and family-run retailers, particularly in terms of financial loss, increased operating costs and staff safety concerns; the specific measures, supports or interventions being developed by his Department to assist affected businesses, including in relation to insurance and security costs; the nature of engagement underway with representative bodies and with other relevant Departments, including those responsible for justice and policing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [24948/26]

134. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given that many SMEs are being disproportionately affected by the spike in fuel prices, and with businesses across the retail and hospitality sectors facing particularly heavy energy bills, the plans he has in place to help address these challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aisling Dempsey. [30074/26]

135. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment following on from his announcement of a €250 million allocation to a seed and venture capital programme helping Irish enterprise, the way in which this money will be allocated to SMEs; his views on the growth projections possible within companies who obtain this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [30512/26]

136. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken by his Department to support existing enterprise hubs and to encourage the development of new enterprise hubs in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [30464/26]

137. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the workings of the Cost of Business Forum; the recommendations that have been made to date to assist businesses with their costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [29604/26]

138. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is concerned by the statements by the RTÉ Director General with regard to the import of 'expertise' from the British production market, for which trade unions have highlighted concerns on the possibility to undermine the domestic labour market; and if his Department will take active measures to support Irish media producers. — Sinéad Gibney. [30522/26]

139. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to review the work visa arrangements for persons in high demand roles, such as in the STEM area, in particular, the rule that an employer must employ at least 50% of non-national workers from the EEA. — Séamus McGrath. [30075/26]

140. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which Enterprise Ireland is supporting the Action Plan on Market Diversification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [30500/26]

141. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his assessment of the prospects for tourism in Ireland in 2026, especially in relation to visitors from North America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [30059/26]

142. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he plans to expand training and consultancy supports to organisations wishing to embrace remote first operating models; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30426/26]

143. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will outline the support being offered to businesses to decarbonise and become more sustainable, especially in light of global fuel market disruption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [30440/26]

144. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action his Department is taking together with the Department of Social Protection to address the barriers to participation in employment faced by disabled persons, given that Ireland has one of the lowest rates of employment among disabled people in Europe standing at 32.6% in comparison with the EU average of 51.3%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30516/26]

145. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the initiatives that are being taken to increase the contribution of indigenous enterprises to Ireland's exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [30515/26]

146. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reforms his Department is planning in relation to local enterprise offices; if he will outline any upcoming adjustments to their remit, structure, or supports available to SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [30504/26]

147. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current status of IDA Ireland lands in Mell, Drogheda, County Louth; the actions being taken by his Department and the IDA to unblock, service and activate these lands to enable further industrial and employment-generating investment in Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [30452/26]

148. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has any plans to introduce a new Power Up scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30033/26]

149. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the Enterprise Ireland initiative to financially back new flour mills in Ireland; the criteria to qualify for support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30521/26]

150. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is giving consideration to the introduction of a hotel bedroom charge, to be levied by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30518/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the progress of the Strategic Air Access Fund and new tourism initiatives in the UAE and Indian markets to support the "A New Era for Irish Tourism" strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30506/26]

152. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional supports being provided to attract employment to rural towns in Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [29607/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will introduce legislation to raise the minimum wage for workers under the age of 20, and apprentices in their first two years, so that they are at parity with other workers. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30429/26]

154. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is taking any action to build up the number of medium-sized enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [30501/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his assessment of the impact on the tourism sector arising from the war in the Middle East; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30493/26]

156. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the sectors being prioritised in the forthcoming sectoral strategy for enterprise adoption of AI; the criteria used to identify them; the expected timeline for publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [30433/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on Fáilte Ireland's plans to develop a destination and experience development plan specifically for north Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [29605/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has had, or if he is planning to have, discussions with the Minister for Health regarding the planned industrial action by workers in the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30428/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has undertaken or commissioned any studies on the use of artificial intelligence by the general public, including trends in adoption across different age groups and sectors, such as tourism; the insights gathered on the way in which AI is shaping consumer behaviour and service delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30523/26]

160. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the Action Plan on Market Diversification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30499/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any work ongoing within his Department to help support small businesses in the face of increased fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29988/26]

162. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is aware of the suggested introduction of a tourism levy or 'bed tax' in Galway; if any national assessment has been carried out on whether such a model would be sustainable; his views on the way in which increased tourism footfall in Galway can be supported through enhanced funding for local tourism services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [30505/26]

163. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which he is helping businesses to scale-up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30498/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether he will consider introducing supports for rural hotels to either assist in re-invigorating existing hotels or with building new hotels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [30430/26]

165. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration is being given to introducing additional supports for small and medium enterprises to assist with the increased cost of doing business, which has been exacerbated by recent events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [30449/26]

166. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on current processing times for general and critical skills employment permit applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [30463/26]

167. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider putting early years on the critical skills list to encourage professionals to come to Ireland to work in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29881/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the practical governance tools his Department intends to make available to assist SMEs in meeting their obligations under the EU AI Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [30434/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific supports his Department is currently developing or enhancing to assist small and medium-sized enterprises in light of ongoing global economic uncertainty, including rising costs, supply chain pressures and geopolitical instability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [30087/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has assessed the potential revenue from a hotel bedroom charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30519/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has concerns in relation to the increased use of youth subminimum wages by employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30446/26]

172. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions he is taking to maintain and increase Ireland's economic competitiveness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30427/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of bed nights available in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [30508/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to the Programme for Government commitment to establish a Small Business Unit within his Department, and a Cost of Business Advisory Forum, if he will provide an update on the work of both bodies to

date; the issues they have examined or progressed; and the way in which small businesses are being engaged in shaping their outputs. — Grace Boland. [30413/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the impact of fuel price increases on small rural machinery contractor enterprises. — Edward Timmins. [30528/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the impact of the proposed Short-Term Letting and Tourism Bill 2025 on rural tourism. — Edward Timmins. [30527/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage have considered the introduction of a visitor accommodation levy/hotel bed tax or similar levies for the Dublin area for the generation of additional revenue to support our growing tourism sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26487/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on whether small and medium-sized businesses are being hit hardest by rising fuel costs, particularly those in energy-intensive sectors such as retail and hospitality; the assistance he is providing in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [30409/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment following his announcement of a €100 million allocation to a new scaling fund for Irish SMEs, the way his Department believes this funding will enable Irish SMEs to grow domestically and also reach international markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [30513/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific targets that have been set for the new direct flight routes, such as the Dublin-Shanghai route announced in April 2026, to assist with diversifying tourism markets and increasing high-value visitors from Asia and the Middle East; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30507/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the status of the review of the critical skills occupations list and ineligible occupations list; whether the review will take into consideration the availability of housing in addition to the needs of the labour market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30068/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his assessment of deficiencies in regional infrastructure that are constraining enterprise growth and regional economic development; the specific measures being taken to correct these deficiencies and accelerate infrastructure delivery to ensure balanced regional development and to boost regional competitiveness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30494/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on his proposals to cultivate cross-Border tourism. — Cathy Bennett. [30509/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's efforts to promote tourism in east County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [29993/26]

185. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will outline the importance of developing next generation sites, in line with the Programme for Government commitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [30439/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on his engagements with stakeholders in relation to a site (details supplied) in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [29992/26]

187. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider establishing a small business ombudsman to provide a dedicated avenue for engagement between Government and small businesses (details supplied). — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [26724/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any initiatives being considered to promote hybrid work practices in private businesses in the context of worsening traffic congestion and increased fuel costs for commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29989/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans he has in place to help businesses cope with the cost impact of the US-Iran war; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [30058/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is giving consideration to a change to the tax code to allow local authorities to levy a hotel bedroom tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [28777/26]

191. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessments his Department has carried out of the net employment impact of generative AI across key Irish sectors over the next five years; the way in which enterprise and skills supports are to be aligned to manage job displacement alongside job creation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [30423/26]

192. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps he has taken under the entrepreneurship growth plan to develop specified supports for those with disabilities. — Thomas Gould. [30502/26]

193. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports being provided for tourism in Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [30065/26]

194. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the targeted measures or supports being considered or implemented by his Department to support the retail sector in the context of increased operating costs, changing consumer behaviour and international economic pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [30088/26]

195. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will detail any contact his Department has had with a company (detail supplied) in relation to the latest round of redundancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30411/26]

196. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department is considering changes that will allow for online platforms to be treated as publishers to increase

their accountability for the content they allow on their websites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [16796/26]

197. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to broaden the attraction to tourists of Dublin 8 to include markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [30425/26]

198. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if events in the Middle East and their impact on the global economy will result in any changes to the outlook for tourism in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30443/26]

199. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the engagement between his Department and large employers on the issue of the way in which AI will affect jobs in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30412/26]

200. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures he is taking to increase the number of people with disabilities in employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [29503/26]

201. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment given that tourism is made up of about 46,000 SMEs, and that they operate on very small margins, if he is taking any initiatives to help moderate cost increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30442/26]

202. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action he is taking to help increase productivity in indigenous enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [30514/26]

203. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage have considered the introduction of a visitor accommodation levy, hotel bed tax or similar levies, nationally for the generation of additional revenue to support the growing tourism sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26486/26]

204. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if grant support is available for the refurbishment of shopping centres; if not, if he is planning to introduce such a grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [29502/26]

205. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to implement, fund and expand Enterprise Ireland's Action Plan for Women in Business; the progress made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30517/26]

206. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which the SME test is being applied in practice to assess the impact of new legislation and regulations on business costs; if he will provide specific examples of legislation or policy proposals where the SME test has been used and influenced outcomes; and the way in which this information is being shared across Government. — Grace Boland. [30414/26]

207. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the action he is taking on the cost of doing business, especially for the SME sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [30066/26]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*208. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the work of the UK Ireland 2030 Steering Group; to outline the membership of this group; when the group will next meet; and the agenda for any upcoming meeting. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30902/26]

*209. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Jen Cummins. [30359/26]

*210. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department. — Jen Cummins. [30360/26]

*211. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Jen Cummins. [30361/26]

*212. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30355/26]

*213. To ask the Taoiseach the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025. — Emer Currie. [30486/26]

*214. To ask the Taoiseach if the CSO can provide updated and or existing statistics, broken down by age in the 15-24 profile. — Aidan Farrelly. [30646/26]

*215. To ask the Taoiseach the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30803/26]

*216. To ask the Taoiseach the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30821/26]

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

*217. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will review the current arrangements governing the appointment by the Department of clerical officers, executive officers and higher executive officers to positions in Irish embassies and missions abroad; the reason such opportunities appear to be confined to staff of the Department; whether consideration has been given to opening these assignments to suitably qualified clerical officers, executive officers and higher executive officers across the wider civil service; and the basis on which additional allowances attached to these postings are determined, particularly where such allowances bring the overall remuneration of the post to a level comparable with the next grade in some cases. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30080/26]

*218. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has conducted or commissioned any analysis to identify companies importing or trading in goods or services produced by Israeli settlers in the Occupied Territories as part of their operations in Ireland, who would be subject to the provisions of the Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025 should it cover both goods and services; whether any such analysis has been conducted or commissioned in relation to a version of the Bill covering goods only; whether she will release the list of companies identified in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30277/26]

*219. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has conducted or commissioned any analysis to identify companies importing goods produced by Israeli settlers in the Occupied Territories as part of their operations in Ireland, who would be subject to the provisions of the Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025; whether she will release any such list of companies identified in the course of this analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30278/26]

*220. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount of taxpayers' money allocated to overseas aid for sexual and reproductive health from 2019 to date in 2026, by year and organisation receiving funding, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30384/26]

*221. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount of taxpayers' money allocated to overseas aid specifically for abortion, from 2019 to date in 2026, by year and organisation receiving funding, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30385/26]

*222. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her reaction to comments made in the British parliament on Wednesday 22 April 2026 from the Northern Secretary of State that he will pursue significant amendments to the Bill currently going through the House of Commons to give effect to the British-Irish Legacy Framework; the steps the Government will take to ensure there will be no deviation from the agreement that offers British veterans protections over those of victims. — Peadar Tóibín. [30945/26]

*223. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 341 and 342 of 14 April 2026, if she will confirm, specifically what judgments are of concern and in what respect; and the position regarding norms that should be disapplied or modified and with what they should be replaced with. — Ivana Bacik. [29563/26]

*224. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will seek an increase in funding for the centrally funded scheme for seconded national experts for the post-EU Presidency period to capitalise on Irelands increased visibility and personnel networks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29613/26]

*225. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update in relation to the EU Careers Strategy; its achievements to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29615/26]

*226. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the administrative error that led to the non-reporting of US military flights over Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29632/26]

*227. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the mechanisms being put in place to ensure that the administrative error that led to the non-reporting of US military flights over Ireland (details supplied) will not happen again; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29633/26]

*228. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the administrative error that led to the non-reporting of US military flights over Ireland (details supplied) came to light; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29634/26]

*229. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the assessment being carried out in relation to the cargo of the non-reported US military flights over Ireland (details supplied); if this has been or can be established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29635/26]

*230. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to expedite an application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29745/26]

*231. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to review the case of a person (details supplied); if the application will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29747/26]

*232. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 156 of 16 April 2026, to provide details of subsequent or previous inspections conducted of planes, post-clearance, to ensure that national legislation and international legal obligations are being complied with; if evidence has been found of failures to comply with such obligations; if so, the details of same; if such inspections have not taken place, the basis for failing to do so; the basis on which the Government can assert that laws have not been broken in the absence of inspections; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [29783/26]

*233. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how 248 overflights of Ireland's airspace by US military aircraft went unreported; if she can stand over her comment that there is "no reason to believe" US aircraft involved in the Iran war are overflying Ireland, when she did not know the full numbers of flights involved, much less the contents and destinations of them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [29789/26]

*234. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the next first secretary (assistant principal officer) competition will open to applicants. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30078/26]

*235. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of clerical officers posted to Embassies abroad. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30081/26]

*236. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of executive officers posted to Embassies abroad. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30082/26]

*237. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of higher executive officers posted to Embassies abroad. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30083/26]

*238. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list all allowances and the amounts paid to clerical, executive and higher executive officer grades posted to Embassies abroad. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30084/26]

*239. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of her Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30268/26]

*240. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to review the case of a person (details supplied); if the application will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30299/26]

*241. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to commit to closing airspace to US aircrafts involved in the conflict in the Middle East. — Sinéad Gibney. [30301/26]

*242. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied) who is facing deportation from Bulgaria to Saudi Arabia; if she will raise their case with the Bulgarian authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [30321/26]

*243. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a passport for persons (details supplied) can be expedited. — Paul McAuliffe. [30332/26]

*244. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the announcement will be made on the appointment of the next Ambassador of Ireland to the USA. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30402/26]

*245. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of all staff, by grade currently assigned to the Embassy of Ireland in Washington, D.C., including locally engaged staff employed by the Embassy; and to detail any existing vacancies. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30404/26]

*246. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide a copy of her Department's Protocol Guidelines booklet, similar to the protocol guidelines published by other governments and similar to the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (details supplied). — Roderic O'Gorman. [30406/26]

*247. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30478/26]

*248. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide an update on a passport application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [30533/26]

*249. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade it is the current policy of her private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if she will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30598/26]

*250. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of her ministerial duties since 1 January

2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by her office to all local Oireachtas members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30616/26]

*251. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on a passport application (details supplied), as the applicant's travel date is imminent and all requested supporting documentation has been submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [30670/26]

*252. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of her Department building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30697/26]

*253. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30715/26]

*254. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30735/26]

*255. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30752/26]

*256. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30773/26]

*257. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total allocation of funding to each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30795/26]

*258. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30813/26]

*259. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by her Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30843/26]

*260. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she plans to use Ireland's EU Presidency to highlight the issue of Palestinian statehood, as opposed to humanitarian relief for Gaza, at the relevant Council of Ministers meetings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30978/26]

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

*261. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps being taken to assist households that are in arrears with their electricity bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30390/26]

*262. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in view of recent increase in energy costs if it is proposed to make amendments to the recent home energy upgrade grant schemes announced by the SEAI in January 2026; if so, the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [31182/26]

*263. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on proposals concerning pension increases for retired and deferred members of Eirgrid; if he has received proposals from Eirgrid for approval in relation to same; the timeline for consideration and approval of Eirgrid's proposal; his views on the need for indexation of such pensions; and his further views on the position for deferred members whose pension entitlements remain frozen due to their inability to benefit from salary adjustments, unlike those who remain in service. — Ivana Bacik. [29562/26]

*264. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether representatives of an organisation (details supplied) have engaged with his Department regarding the Barryroe gas and oil field; whether any meetings have taken place or are planned; and his views on the matter, particularly in light of independent analysis indicating the field could replace, on a cumulative basis to 2050, up to 45% of Ireland's gas imports and 25% of crude oil imports. — Michael Collins. [29584/26]

*265. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has received analysis suggesting that gas produced from the Barryroe field could have up to 70% lower production emissions than imported gas and oil up to 12% lower production emissions than imported oil; and whether such analysis has been considered as part of Government discussions on energy security and climate policy. — Michael Collins. [29585/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether, in the context of ongoing energy security concerns, his Department has been contacted by an organisation (details supplied); and the response, if any, provided. — Michael Collins. [29586/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the Government has considered proposals whereby revenues from domestic transition-fuel projects (details supplied) could contribute to funding renewable energy infrastructure. — Michael Collins. [29587/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware that eligibility for the recently introduced standalone grants for windows and doors requires homes to have wall insulation at a "good" standard, as defined by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; whether he has received feedback that cavity wall insulation is often not readily available as a standalone upgrade from SEAI-registered contractors and is instead delivered primarily as part of larger, bundled retrofit projects; the steps, if any, being taken to ensure that this requirement does not act as a barrier to homeowners seeking to access these grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29589/26]

*269. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress made to date on the commitment in the Programme for Government to support group retrofitting projects, enabling neighbours to upgrade their homes together with guided support to make the process easier and more economical and to develop innovative financing solutions; whether any pilot schemes or supports have been introduced in this area; if, in light of ongoing energy cost pressures, he plans to expand or accelerate such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29590/26]

*270. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware that eligibility for the standalone grants for windows and doors requires homes to have wall insulation at a "good" or "very good" standard, as defined by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; whether he is aware that a cohort of homes are not suitable for cavity wall insulation due to construction type, leaving external wall insulation as the primary option at significantly higher cost, thereby creating a significant financial barrier to accessing what is intended as a standalone grant; the supports available in such cases; whether consideration has been given to introducing flexibility within the grant criteria for such homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29592/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an updated timeline on the hosting of a public event on the Social Climate Plan; whether his Department is considering publishing a summary of the submissions received on the Plan; the timeline for publication of the plan; whether in light of ongoing energy price pressures, if consideration is being given to fast-tracking the development and submission of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29593/26]

*272. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the progress to date by the National Energy Affordability Taskforce on their preparation of the Energy Affordability Action Plan due for completion in Q3; whether any interim findings or measures have been identified; the timeline for publication of the Action Plan upon completion; and whether, in light of cost pressures on households and businesses, consideration is being given to fast-tracking the work of the Taskforce or bringing forward elements of the Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29594/26]

*273. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress made on the commitment in the Programme for Government to establish national renewable energy clusters to be co-located with training and education centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29595/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has been contacted by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the Barryroe gas and oil field; whether meetings have taken place or are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [29609/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has received or considered analysis indicating that the Barryroe field could contribute between €300 million and €3.6 billion in direct tax receipts to the Exchequer; whether such potential impacts form part of policy consideration in relation to domestic energy resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [29610/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether analysis indicating that domestically produced gas from Barryroe could result in significantly lower production emissions, up to 70% lower than imported gas has been assessed by his Department

in the context of Ireland's climate objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [29611/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has engaged with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the potential role of domestic transition fuels as a temporary support to Ireland's renewable energy rollout, including proposals linking such projects to the delivery of offshore wind and solar capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [29612/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will join with Austria, Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain to seek a windfall tax on inflated profits of energy companies, similar to 2022 after Russia's invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29618/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on short to medium term measures that the Government will take to secure Ireland's energy supply and increase emergency rollout of renewable energy generation capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29619/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department is carrying out research or examinations of the potential impact of EU proposals to decouple the renewable electricity price from fossil fuel prices; the way he will ensure that this will not disincentivise further renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29620/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number and proportion of domestic electricity and gas customers in arrears who are currently on formal repayment plans, broken down by fuel type; the latest date for which data is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29710/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason solar PV is not included as a standard measure under the warmer homes scheme; whether this is under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29711/26]

*283. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department or the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland intends to undertake a public information campaign on best practice for households using air-to-water heat pumps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29712/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of projects in receipt of funding from the LIFE Programme in Dublin; if any Life Programme funding is being used to support coastal protection works in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29744/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps being taken to increase investment in battery energy storage systems to enable greater utility of renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [29958/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 15 April 2026, if the reason is known for the volume of biomethane

generated in Ireland declining in 2024 and 2025 compared to the peak in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29983/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current position regarding pension increases for retired and deferred members of EirGrid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30197/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30262/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether homeowners in receipt of defective concrete blocks scheme funding remain fully eligible for SEAI grants for energy upgrades; if any restrictions or coordination measures are being introduced between local authorities and the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30312/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department is currently exploring plug-in solar development, and the positive possibilities that this may have for homeowners, especially given the current energy supply issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [30342/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has conducted, commissioned, or reviewed any research into the likelihood of café and retail closures following the introduction of a levy on single-use cups, particularly in light of the large number of recent closures; if so, to outline the scope, methodology, and key conclusions of such research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30367/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of a recently introduced paper cup recycling initiative (details supplied) in Ranelagh endorsed by Dublin City Council; if he will consider exploring similar take-back schemes as an alternative to punitive measures such as levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30368/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the small-scale renewable electricity support scheme will continue to categorise farmers as SMEs; if not, if there are proposals to categorise farm holdings as a distinct category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [30369/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30472/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30592/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30610/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when Ireland will transpose Article 12 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (2023/1791), regarding transparency reporting; if this will be achieved ahead of the third reporting deadline for data centre operators on 15 May 2026, given his prior statement recently that this was at an 'advanced stage'; and if so, the date he expects to sign a Statutory Instrument on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30633/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm whether the transposition of Article 12 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (2023/1791) will include specific conditions for penalties in the event of non-compliance with reporting obligations, as required by Article 32 of the Directive, similar to the German transposition of same (EnEfG Section 19) given only 18 Irish data centres have submitted reports to date. — Paul Murphy. [30634/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the public body which will be, whether it be the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, EirGrid, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities, his own Department or a new or other body entirely, be empowered to investigate and sanction a data centre operator that fails to submit accurate and timely information to the European database as per requirements under Article 32 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (2023/1791) to establish "effective, proportionate, and dissuasive" penalties for non-compliance with national transposing measures. — Paul Murphy. [30635/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department or any other delegated body currently has visibility of data being sent by Irish data centre operators to the European database, in accordance with their responsibilities under the Delegated Regulation (2024/1364); and if the lack of a related Statutory Instrument is impeding the Government's ability to access and handle this information currently. — Paul Murphy. [30636/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm reports that the European Commission has advised Member States to 'keep confidential all information and key performance indicators for individual data centres'; and if he has sought legal advice on whether this interpretation of confidentiality violates the Aarhus Convention and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. — Paul Murphy. [30637/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider proposals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30640/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to review SEAI grant levels for solar PV and other energy upgrades given the increase in costs and the urgency of requirement of renewables; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [30641/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30691/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30709/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30729/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30746/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30767/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30790/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30807/26]

*311. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30837/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he will respond to EirGrid's proposal to implement pension increases that will include retired and deferred members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [30953/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount that has been allocated to the SEAI for 2026; the percentage and amount of the increase over the 2025 figure; the number of retrofits, for which funding has been provided for in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30976/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*314. To ask the Minister for Defence to report on the sale of a carriers (details supplied), the personnel carriers from the Civil Defence vehicle fleet; and the replacement vehicles that are being secured to ensure that there is not a loss of capability in Civil Defence transport needs. — Seán Crowe. [29560/26]

*315. To ask the Minister for Defence the nature of refurbishment works that are scheduled to be carried out at Aiken Barracks, Dundalk, this year; the estimated cost of each project, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29637/26]

*316. To ask the Minister for Defence if permission is required from her for the participation of members of the Irish Defence Forces in foreign military ‘competitions’. — Paul Donnelly. [29787/26]

*317. To ask the Minister for Defence if she is aware of Irish Defence Forces members participating in military competitions with the Israeli Defence Forces; and if confirmed, her views on such on participation. — Paul Donnelly. [29788/26]

*318. To ask the Minister for Defence the nature of refurbishment works that are scheduled to be carried out at Stephen’s Barracks, Kilkenny during 2026, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [30015/26]

*319. To ask the Minister for Defence the criteria for a person to be inducted as a member of the Defence Forces legal services club. — Roderic O’Gorman. [30077/26]

*320. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated amount the armoured vehicle programme will cost the Irish taxpayer over its full lifetime, including infrastructure, personnel, maintenance and training, not just the purchase price of armoured vehicles. — Alan Kelly. [30233/26]

*321. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount the Air Corps operating budget grew by from 2020 to 2026. — Alan Kelly. [30234/26]

*322. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of her Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30264/26]

*323. To ask the Minister for Defence the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30474/26]

*324. To ask the Minister for Defence if it is the current policy of her private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if she will provide the Department’s current policy or protocol on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30594/26]

*325. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of her ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by her office to all local Oireachtas members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30612/26]

*326. To ask the Minister for Defence if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of her Department building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30693/26]

*327. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30711/26]

*328. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under

the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30731/26]

*329. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30748/26]

*330. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30769/26]

*331. To ask the Minister for Defence the total allocation of funding to each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30791/26]

*332. To ask the Minister for Defence the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30809/26]

*333. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by her Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30839/26]

*334. To ask the Minister for Defence to amend the regulations governing entry to the first line reserve Defence Forces to address the issues in correspondence (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [30942/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the deployment of the 100 additional speed cameras announced in 2024; the current total number of fixed automated speed cameras operational in the State; whether the Government has assessed the feasibility of a 500-camera deployment to match the enforcement density of comparable European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [29568/26]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the document entitled "Interim Guidance on the placement of cables on roads" that was issued in 2025; if he is aware of concerns raised by industry; if he plans to address these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [29569/26]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider extending eligibility for the student Leap card to include part-time students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [29573/26]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport for a timeline in which collision data from the RSA will be shared with planning units and local authorities to prevent further escalation in road injuries and fatalities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29616/26]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport for a detailed explanation as to the actions his Department is taking to tackle the increasing rate of serious and fatal road traffic accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29617/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [29629/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the status of proposed bus routes 234 and 238 under the Connecting Ireland Programme, including the expected timeline for its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [29675/26]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue that Iarnród Éireann collected in seat reservation fees in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [29686/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the roll out of EV chargers in County Meath; the details and locations of these chargers; his plans for the introduction of further chargers in this location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29689/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider working with Meath County Council to create a national programme to address the highest-risk road sections across County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29690/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to improve reliability and journey times for commuters travelling from towns such as Navan and Trim in Meath to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29691/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Transport when the agreed increase to CIÉ pensions will be paid; whether it will be backdated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [29692/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Transport if a public bus service from Castletownbere to Cork city could be introduced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29700/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the price structures on public EV chargers to ensure that they remain competitive and affordable for consumers and encourage more drivers to switch to EV vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29703/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of EV charging points in County Mayo; the voltage of each, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [29728/26]

*350. To ask the Minister for Transport the person or body responsible for the maintenance and rollout of EV charging points in the country; if his Department provides funding to local authorities for the rollout or maintenance of EV charging points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [29729/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an emergency increase in funding to Clare County Council following a formal motion passed by the council at its April 2026 monthly

meeting regarding the urgent need for additional road maintenance funding; if he is aware that despite a €38.37 million allocation for 2026, the county has seen a marginal decrease in its road funding compared to 2025; if he will review the Sectoral Investment Plan for Transport 2026-2030 to identify supplementary Exchequer grants specifically to address the maintenance backlog and ensure the safety and connectivity of Clare's rural road network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29751/26]

*352. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend eligibility for the student Leap card to mature students in part-time courses who do not qualify for the young adult Leap card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29766/26]

*353. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of extending student Leap card eligibility to mature students studying part-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29767/26]

*354. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional carriages can be added to the Adamstown to Heuston train service at peak hours; the efforts being made to address overcrowding issues on this line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29968/26]

*355. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the efforts to address the concerns of a group regarding pensions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [29969/26]

*356. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of any proposals under consideration by his Department, the National Transport Authority or Iarnród Éireann to reduce or discontinue the 6.50 a.m. train service from Athenry to Galway; the rationale underpinning any such proposals; whether a final decision has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [29976/26]

*357. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has examined a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) for a continuous vehicle coverage model of car insurance enforcement; is his Department is considering introducing this model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30016/26]

*358. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30028/26]

*359. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are any plans to provide an increase in CIÉ pensions in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30049/26]

*360. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on negotiations with the Thai government on agreeing a direct connection between Dublin and Bangkok; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30103/26]

*361. To ask the Minister for Transport to review correspondence regarding a foreign driver's licence exchange (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30104/26]

*362. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to increase the number of speeding cameras; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30107/26]

*363. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans to introduce a road safety commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30114/26]

*364. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans to introduce automated speed cameras on high-risk routes within 12 months. — Pa Daly. [30115/26]

*365. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans to introduce a mandatory black spot redesign programme. — Pa Daly. [30116/26]

*366. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of recent reports that Irish road deaths far outstrip the European average (details supplied); the measures he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30118/26]

*367. To ask the Minister for Transport in light of recent reports that road deaths are rising in Ireland whereas falling in the rest of the EU, if he will revise his decision to retain the current structure of the RSA, contrary to the recommendation of the external review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30119/26]

*368. To ask the Minister for Transport the current level of funding allocated to the Irish Coast Guard service, including the unit based in Howth; whether any increase in funding is planned in light of operational demands, staffing requirements and equipment needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30131/26]

*369. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual Exchequer funding allocated to the Irish Coast Guard service over the past five years, broken down by year, in tabular form, including any specific allocations for the unit based in Howth where available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30132/26]

*370. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Public Service Obligation on Expressway route 4 service (Waterford to Dublin Airport Service) as recommended by the National Transport Authority will come into service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [30149/26]

*371. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the work his Department is carrying out to progress the agreed pension increases for retired Coras Iompair Éireann workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30198/26]

*372. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the provision of a new driving test centre in Sandyford, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30235/26]

*373. To ask the Minister for Transport the basis for the delays to date regarding the provision of a new driving test centre in Sandyford, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30236/26]

*374. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30276/26]

*375. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing interim measures for persons who previously held an Irish driving licence, subsequently exchanged it for a foreign licence while residing abroad, and have since returned to the State and applied to exchange their licence back to an Irish driving licence; given that the current processing time for such exchanges can be up to three months, during which applicants may be unable to obtain motor insurance or access a vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30320/26]

*376. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures currently in place to regulate the brightness, alignment and use of modern LED vehicle headlights (details supplied); his plans to introduce or strengthen legislation, regulations or enforcement standards in this area, including limits on brightness and mandatory alignment requirements, to ensure the safety and comfort of all road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30376/26]

*377. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm whether the default 30km/h speed limit provisions of the Road Traffic Act 2024 remain available for commencement by Ministerial order; the circumstances, if any, under which he will consider commencing these provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [30377/26]

*378. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of heavy duty EVs that were supported under the zero-emission heavy duty vehicle purchase grant scheme in both 2024 and 2025 respectively; the total spend under the scheme in each of those years; the breakdown of the type of vehicle supported in each year; the average size of grant provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [30378/26]

*379. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to review the zero-emission heavy duty vehicle purchase grant scheme to increase uptake; his plans to increase the value of grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [30379/26]

*380. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the alignment of the Tyrrelstown LUAS under LUAS 2050 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30381/26]

*381. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the alignment of the Blanchardstown LUAS under LUAS 2050 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30382/26]

*382. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm whether there is any statutory licensing or permit requirement for organised road bowling events taking place on public roads, including mandatory Garda approval, insurance and traffic management arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30386/26]

*383. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government is mandated to construct a heavy rail connection such as a railway spur to Dublin Airport by 2040 in order to be compliant with Article 34 of EU Regulation 2024/1679 (details supplied); the actions his Department is undertaking to be in compliance with this regulation; whether he can give an indication of when a heavy rail spur to Dublin Airport will be constructed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [30410/26]

*384. To ask the Minister for Transport if Bus Éireann commercially operated expressway services are required to present a PSV certificate when applying for their motor tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30576/26]

*385. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any engagement he is having with Irish Rail in relation to increasing the use of solar power in the rail network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30582/26]

*386. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of increasing the use of solar as part of the operation of the rail network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30583/26]

*387. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of providing solar panels on buildings owned by Irish Rail including all train stations, similar to what has been provided for on schools across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30584/26]

*388. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30607/26]

*389. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30625/26]

*390. To ask the Minister for Transport the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30666/26]

*391. To ask the Minister for Transport the current arrangements governing the supply and storage of aviation fuel in the State, including at Shannon Airport; to detail the agreements or practices relating to the refuelling of foreign military aircraft, including those of the United States; if such refuelling activities could have an impact on the availability of jet fuel stocks for civilian aviation in the event of a shortage; the measures in place to ensure that civilian fuel supply is not adversely affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [30675/26]

*392. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the use of HVO fuel for transport as an alternative to diesel; if his Department is carrying out any research into the merits of promoting its use at a national level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30687/26]

*393. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30706/26]

*394. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30724/26]

*395. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under

the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30743/26]

*396. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30761/26]

*397. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30782/26]

*398. To ask the Minister for Transport the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30804/26]

*399. To ask the Minister for Transport the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30822/26]

*400. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports for chartered ferry operators who provide tourism services in County Mayo rather than as a transport option to islands, in view of the recent fuel cost increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [30832/26]

*401. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30852/26]

*402. To ask the Minister for Transport further to correspondence (details supplied) the way in which vehicles are passing the NCT that appear to have DPF's removed or disabled; and whether he is satisfied that the NCT test fit for purpose in this regard. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30876/26]

*403. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to tackle mobile phone use by drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [31133/26]

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

*404. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an update on the reform of the disabled driver's and disabled passengers (tax concessions) scheme including a timeline on when a new scheme will be put in place. — Séamus McGrath. [30313/26]

*405. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the primary medical certificate scheme, and the impact it has on children with lifelong neurological conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [30343/26]

*406. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the action he will take to increase the six-month time limit for income tax exemption to complete a retraining course paid for by the employer as part of a redundancy package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [29579/26]

*407. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for the decision to reduce the VAT rate for hairdressers and barbers from 13.5% to 9% from July 2026, while excluding

beauty services from the same measure; whether his Department carried out an assessment of the comparability of operating costs and business models across these closely related sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [29704/26]

*408. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he acknowledges that maintaining a higher VAT rate for beauty services than for hairdressers and barbers may create an uneven competitive environment within the personal care sector; whether this divergence was considered during the formulation of the VAT measure; and whether he will review the decision with a view to ensuring fair and consistent treatment across comparable small businesses. — Michael Collins. [29705/26]

*409. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the consideration that has been given to the sustained cost pressures facing small, independent beauty businesses, including rising rent, wages, insurance, utilities, training requirements, and professional product costs; whether these factors were taken into account when deciding not to extend the reduced VAT rate to the beauty sector; and if additional supports are being considered. — Michael Collins. [29706/26]

*410. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated impact of excluding beauty services from the proposed VAT reduction on employment and business viability in towns and villages, particularly in rural areas; whether he accepts that small beauty enterprises play an important role in local economies, supply chains and community wellbeing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [29707/26]

*411. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated amount, by total value of deposits cover by the deposit guarantee scheme held in financial institutions in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29732/26]

*412. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for reducing the excise on private jet fuel alongside the excise cuts to petrol and diesel; the reason it is possible under EU law to have a different rate of excise on green diesel marked gas oil when it is a heavy oil used as a propellent; if a similar approach could have been taken to ensure private jets fuel was not discounted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29733/26]

*413. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of help-to-buy claims approved since July 2020, by county; the number of applicants associated with these claims; the number of claims by homebuyers excluding self-builds, by county; and the number of these claims relating to purchases. — Séamus McGrath. [29813/26]

*414. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider making near-neighbour community benefit payments arising from onshore wind farm developments exempt from income tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [29999/26]

*415. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason paramedics and EMTs are excluded from receiving flat rate expenses allowance when every other medical professional is included; if there are plans to include paramedics and EMT’s in the flat rate expenses list in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30181/26]

*416. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for reducing the VAT rate for hairdressing and barbering services to 9% from July 2026 while excluding beauty services; the criteria used to determine eligibility for the reduced rate; whether he will consider extending the

reduced rate to beauty services given similar cost pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30184/26]

*417. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for excluding paramedics and emergency medical technicians employed by the National Ambulance Service from eligibility for the flat-rate expense allowance for uniform laundering (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30226/26]

*418. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he will request the Revenue Commissioners to review the current occupational classification applied to paramedics and emergency medical technicians for the purposes of flat-rate expense relief, with a view to extending the uniform laundering allowance to these frontline pre-hospital healthcare professionals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30227/26]

*419. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has considered the impact of rising electricity and living costs on paramedics and EMTs who are required to launder uniforms after individual shifts due to contamination risks; whether he will consider introducing or extending a modest tax relief to alleviate these unavoidable out-of-pocket expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30228/26]

*420. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he accepts that paramedics and emergency medical technicians carry out clinical duties comparable to those of other healthcare professionals who qualify for a flat-rate uniform laundering allowance; whether he will act to ensure parity of treatment across frontline healthcare roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30229/26]

*421. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30267/26]

*422. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department will consider including the beauty sector in the VAT reduction measure from July 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30294/26]

*423. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider and allow for a reduction in VAT to 9% for a sector (details supplied) in line with hairdressers and barbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30298/26]

*424. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30477/26]

*425. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for excluding businesses within the beauty/nail salon sector from the recent VAT reduction to 9%, when barbers and hairdressers were included; if he will consider offering supports to offset this decision to exclude them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30490/26]

*426. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Government or the Central Bank of Ireland is engaging with the European Payments Initiative regarding the development

of a service (details supplied), or other EU wide instant account to account payment solutions; if Irish banks have indicated plans to participate in such schemes; and the steps being taken to ensure that Ireland keeps pace with EU partners in the rollout of consumer friendly instant payment services built on SEPA Instant. — Mattie McGrath. [30585/26]

*427. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30597/26]

*428. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30615/26]

*429. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the merits on financially incentivising the use of HVO fuel instead of diesel to support achieving our climate emission targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30678/26]

*430. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on creating a regulation that would require parity between the price of HVO fuel and diesel fuel to support achieving our climate emission targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30681/26]

*431. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30696/26]

*432. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30714/26]

*433. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30734/26]

*434. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30751/26]

*435. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30772/26]

*436. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30794/26]

*437. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30812/26]

*438. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason paramedics and EMTs are excluded from receiving the same flat rate expense relief available to nurses; and if he will instruct his Department to include them in this scheme. — Paul Murphy. [30823/26]

*439. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30842/26]

*440. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance in relation to the upcoming VAT reduction for services including hair dressing, whether his Department has conducted any analysis of the feasibility and cost of applying the reduction to associated services such as those provided by beauty salons, nail technicians and skin clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [30853/26]

*441. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the solution he plans for the potential VAT liability that exists with drivers (details supplied); and if he will ensure that a fair and reasonable repayment schedule is created to ensure that drivers can still afford to work, and that the supply of taxi drivers does not fall off a cliff. — Peadar Tóibín. [30870/26]

*442. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when a person (details supplied) will receive their tax refund in respect of medical expenses they have incurred; the amount due in respect of the most recent application by them; the amount due in respect of the previous application pre-2020; the reason neither sum has been paid to the person to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [30934/26]

*443. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on VAT rates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [30970/26]

*444. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total tobacco products tax revenue collected from cigarette sales in each year from 2019 to 2025 inclusive; the total volume and retail value of the cigarette sales to generate this revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [30972/26]

*445. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the projected yield from a windfall tax on energy profits, modelled on the same basis as the temporary solidarity contribution in 2022 and 2023, if applied to profits in 2025 and projected profits in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30974/26]

*446. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the projected yield from a windfall tax on energy profits for 2024, 2025 and 2026 respectively, if the corporation tax rate was increased to either 25% or 50%; the estimated yield, if a 25% levy was placed on those profits instead, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30975/26]

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

*447. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the legal and policy basis upon which full compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies is not required for non-statutory bodies in receipt of public funding; and whether this approach is applied uniformly across Government. — Ken O'Flynn. [29857/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total amount of revenue generated by the carbon tax since its introduction in 2010, broken down on an annual basis; to provide a detailed breakdown of how this revenue has been allocated and spent in each year since its introduction; the amounts directed towards social protection measures, retrofitting programmes, agri-environment schemes and any other expenditure headings; to clarify whether all carbon tax revenues are being fully ringfenced, as committed to under Government policy; if not, the reasons for any shortfall; and where the remaining funds have been allocated, in light of suggestions that only 61% went to the targeted areas in 2025, as set out by Government policy. — Peadar Tóibín. [30910/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will give approval to a proposal submitted by EirGrid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29566/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the timelines and funding for the delivery of the proposed new Garda station in Sligo, noting that a site was purchased with public funds in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [29578/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of open cases currently with Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information; the average time for cases to be decided; the number of cases currently with the office for two years or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29588/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Government has assessed the risks arising where administrative processes identified as requiring review continue to be relied upon in determining the outcome of such disclosures (details supplied); and whether any interim safeguards are in place to ensure that reporting persons are not exposed to ongoing harm in circumstances where the operation of the whistleblower framework itself is under examination at national or EU level. — Ken O'Flynn. [29625/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the nature of refurbishment works that are scheduled to be carried out at Kilkenny Castle during 2026, in tabular form. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30014/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if an individual protection plan or any financial assistance could be granted towards the significant flood defence costs for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30017/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he has reached a decision on the approval and progression of EirGrid's proposal concerning pension increases for retired and deferred members of EirGrid (details supplied); if he accepts that progressing this proposal would represent an important step toward fairness and would help ensure that these individuals are not disproportionately disadvantaged; when a decision will be forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30030/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30273/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether, in light of the United States Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data (CLOUD) Act, which may allow US law enforcement authorities to seek access to data held by US-headquartered technology companies regardless of where that data is stored, his Department has assessed the potential jurisdictional implications of engaging non-EU headquartered suppliers for critical national digital infrastructure projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30327/26]

*458. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to his announcement on 5 February 2026, of the Government approval of a national electronic health record (EHR) system, whether his Department has undertaken a formal review of comparable large-scale programmes in other jurisdictions, including Northern Ireland, Denmark, Switzerland and Norway where significant cost increases and timeline extensions have been reported; the specific value for money, governance, and other measures that are being incorporated into Ireland's planned EHR; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30329/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to his announcement on 5 February 2026 of Government approval of a national electronic health record (EHR) system, the safeguards being built into procurement contracts to protect the Exchequer from unforeseen implementation costs, change-control inflation, vendor dependency, or prolonged transition periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30337/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department or the Public Appointments Service, has considered removing the psychometric testing stage from civil service recruitment processes; and if alternative or more robust assessment methods are being examined to ensure that all applicants have a fair and equitable opportunity to progress to the interview stage, where candidates can more effectively demonstrate their skills and suitability for the position. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30403/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the reason AI platforms are blocked on Government systems; and if he has examined designing a specific AI platform specific for the Civil Service to use. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30407/26]

*462. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30483/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30603/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30621/26]

*465. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to approve a request from EirGrid to implement pension increases that would include retired and deferred members; the steps he will take to ensure the preservation of the value of deferred pension entitlements among former EirGrid workers who have not yet reached retirement age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [30669/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30702/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30720/26]

*468. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30740/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30757/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30778/26]

*471. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30800/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30818/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on the refurbishment and upgrading works carried out by the OPW to a location (details supplied), including a detailed timeline of the refurbishment and upgrading works; if any consideration has been given to restoring the sculptures over the front door and allowing visitor access to the rooftop level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30833/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he can confirm that a facility (details supplied) will be open to the public this year; the reason the facility has not yet opened, despite previously opening for the 2025 season in March 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30834/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30848/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the measures he is taking to improve public procurement processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30888/26]

*477. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of art works managed by the OPW of which the location is currently unknown; and to provide a list of these works; and their estimated value. — Paul Murphy. [30889/26]

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

*478. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the membership, terms of reference and upcoming meetings of the Sectors of the Future Council, which was created through Action 17 of the Large Energy-user Action Plan (LEAP). — Paul Murphy. [30638/26]

*479. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on the Action Plan for Collective Bargaining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [30952/26]

*480. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps his Department is taking to address labour displacement from Artificial Intelligence within and beyond what is set out in the Programme for Government, in the context of increasing concerns around the reach of such displacement to multiple sectors within the Irish economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [30951/26]

*481. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the establishment of the national AI office, including any efforts being made to ensure adequate

parliamentary scrutiny and oversight of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [30950/26]

*482. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment about his decision to amend legislation to facilitate Enterprise Ireland and the Industrial Development Authority to support Irish businesses entering the Defence space without government approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [30949/26]

*483. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the 2025 and 2026 capital and current budget allocation for Corporate Enforcement Authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29641/26]

*484. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has engaged, or intends to engage, with representatives of the beauty sector regarding the exclusion of beauty services from the forthcoming VAT reduction; whether he will support discussions with the Minister for Finance to seek a more equitable policy approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [29708/26]

*485. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department prepared or received any official advice or risk assessments on the potential military end use or diversion risks of alumina exports from Aughinish to Russia or Russian linked entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [29981/26]

*486. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether there is currently any indigenous manufacturing activity in Ireland involved in the production of solar photovoltaic technology, including cells or modules; the scale and capacity of any such activity, including any supports provided through Enterprise Ireland or IDA Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30154/26]

*487. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific measures in place or under consideration to support the development of a domestic solar panel manufacturing industry, including through tax incentives, capital supports, or investment attraction; the role of Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30155/26]

*488. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30266/26]

*489. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of military export licenses granted in each of the years 2024 and 2025, and in the first quarter of 2026, broken down by ML category and destination country; the value of each such authorisation noting that equivalent data was published in his Department's report under the Control of Exports Act 2008 for the year ended 31 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30279/26]

*490. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on a company's refusal to recognise a trade union (details supplied) despite the Labour Court recommendations;

and to address this issue under the EU Adequate Minimum Wages Directive (Directive 2022/2041). — Sinéad Gibney. [30300/26]

*491. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if a permit can be changed without further costs for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30315/26]

*492. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the criteria used by the Companies Registration Office when assessing the appropriateness of proposed business names; whether consideration has been given to introducing a mechanism to review or revoke business names after registration where concerns arise regarding the use of clinical or disability-related terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [30466/26]

*493. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30476/26]

*494. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the implementation of the Action Plan on Competitiveness and Productivity which is being overseen by a Senior Officials Group chaired by his Department. — Albert Dolan. [22421/26]

*495. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the implementation of the Action Plan on Competitiveness and Productivity which is being overseen by a Senior Officials Group chaired by his Department. — Tony McCormack. [22420/26]

*496. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will report on the implementation of the Action Plan on Competitiveness and Productivity which is being overseen by a senior officials group chaired by his Department. — James O'Connor. [22419/26]

*497. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps being taken to secure a new investor or occupier for a former facility (details supplied) in Portlaoise, given its strategic importance as a major modern industrial asset, its suitability for food, pharmaceutical or advanced manufacturing use, and the risk of significant economic loss to the Laois region if the site remains idle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [30552/26]

*498. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which the proposed Consumer Protection, Competition and Enforcement Bill 2026 will enable the Consumer and Competition Protection Commission (CCPC) to act more quickly against unfair business practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [30553/26]

*499. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the specific supports that are available through Fáilte Ireland to assist in the development and promotion of tourism infrastructure in County Laois and the wider Midlands region, in order to enhance regional visitor numbers and economic activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [30554/26]

*500. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether consideration has been given to targeted investment or incentive schemes to support the redevelopment of large-scale vacant or underutilised industrial sites for tourism-related uses such as food tourism, visitor centres, or experimental attractions in regional areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [30555/26]

*501. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of employment permits issued in each sector for each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of persons on the live register or in receipt of jobseeker payments who possess the required qualifications or experience for those roles; the measures in place to ensure that employers are genuinely unable to recruit from within the State before sourcing labour from outside the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30574/26]

*502. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30596/26]

*503. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30614/26]

*504. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30695/26]

*505. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30713/26]

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*507. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30750/26]

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*509. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30793/26]

*510. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30811/26]

*511. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports for chartered ferry operators who provide tourism services in County Mayo rather than as a transport option to islands, in view of the recent fuel cost increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [30831/26]

*512. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30841/26]

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

*513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding streams available for schools to implement universal design for learning; the amount of funding that was provided in the past five years; what that funding was spent on. — Jen Cummins. [30110/26]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will expedite a positive response to a school transport appeal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [29572/26]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department maintains data on the number of students experiencing long-term absences; and if not, if there is a plan to start. — Jen Cummins. [29574/26]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure that attendance campaigns and supports for schools are inclusive of neurodivergence. — Jen Cummins. [29575/26]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address all of the serious concerns expressed by a person (details supplied) regarding the introduction of inclusion classes, with particular focus on the recommendations to pause implementation, explain the rationale for the changes and to outline the criteria for placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [29580/26]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if NEPS plans to review the Supporting your Child when they are Reluctant to Attend School Guidance documents to include specific advice for neurodivergent children. — Jen Cummins. [29581/26]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans for her to use Section 37A of the Education Act 1998 to progress new special education classes. — Jen Cummins. [29643/26]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a full publication of the parents survey will be available. — Jen Cummins. [29646/26]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 530 of 24 February 2026, to provide an update on the review of the assistive technology scheme referenced, including the process being followed and the anticipated date for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29670/26]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason her Department does not accept or give appropriate weight to an individual professional report which clearly states that a child

(details supplied) requires assistive technology in order to access the curriculum; and to outline the basis on which such recommendations are being deemed insufficient to meet the Department's criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29671/26]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has engaged with the Department of Health or other education stakeholders in relation to the need to have a more co-ordinated approach to medical emergencies in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [29677/26]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she would support the introduction for schools of accessible online training to deal with medical emergencies such as anaphylaxis, so as to ensure that all school staff can access appropriate guidance and to support a safer environment for children, teachers and school communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [29678/26]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of legal actions relating to the provision of education supports that occurred in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29699/26]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of recognised primary and post-primary schools that require students to use personal digital devices for schoolwork or homework; the number of students affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29722/26]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have confirmed compliance with circular 0032/2017 regarding measures to reduce school uniform costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29723/26]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of sixth-year students exempt from Leaving Certificate examination fees in the 2025-2026 academic year on the basis of holding a medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29724/26]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of third-year students exempt from Junior Cycle examination fees in the 2025-2026 academic year on the basis of holding a medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29725/26]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale behind the new inclusive special class model, which allows for the enrolment of up to 12 students in post-primary settings, effectively doubling the traditional capacity, while maintaining a staffing allocation of just 1.5 teachers and 2 SNAs; if she will address concerns regarding sensory overload, reduced individual attention and the potential impact on student and staff safety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29735/26]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [29781/26]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children known to the NCSE in need of a special class place in Dublin 15 for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [29790/26]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a capital project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [29834/26]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on an appeal submitted by a school (details supplied) regarding its SNA allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [29971/26]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update regarding the common admissions system (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [29972/26]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is an appeals process for primary school students who cannot avail of a place through the common admissions system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [29973/26]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review correspondence (details supplied) regarding an application by a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [29974/26]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a teacher (details supplied) would, in light of Circular 0038/2026, and their qualifications and experience, be eligible to teach in an autism class or special class within a post-primary school setting; if so, whether this teacher would be remunerated on a post-primary salary scale; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29975/26]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she intends to publish full details of the 2026 July Summer Programme for children with special educational needs; the reason for the delay in issuing this information to schools and families; the steps being taken to ensure that schools have sufficient time to recruit the necessary staff to deliver the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [30008/26]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expected publication date of the updated progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Out of School Education Provision review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30019/26]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a draft or interim version of the Out of School Education Provision report is available for public review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30020/26]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether any supplementary materials are available summarising the current work of the Out of School Education Provision implementation group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30021/26]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the proposed classroom extension at a school (details supplied); the reasons for the delays in the progression of this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [30029/26]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Education when a teacher returning to the State can expect a final determination on incremental credit for overseas teaching experience;

whether this determination can be made in advance of a contract of employment being signed; and if she will outline any plans to ensure salary certainty for returning teachers prior to taking up a position. — Michael Murphy. [30039/26]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the extent to which teaching experience delivering the International Baccalaureate curriculum is recognised for incremental credit purposes; and the way this position is reconciled with the recognition of the International Baccalaureate for entry into third-level education in the State. — Michael Murphy. [30040/26]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of applications received in each of the past five years for the recognition of overseas teaching experience for incremental credit purposes; the number approved, refused or partially approved; and if she will outline any plans to improve data collection in this area. — Michael Murphy. [30041/26]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether fluency in the host country's language is a factor in assessing overseas teaching experience for incremental credit; and if so, the way this requirement is applied in the case of Irish teachers working in international or private schools abroad. — Michael Murphy. [30042/26]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a review of the policy governing the recognition of overseas teaching experience is underway; and if she will consider reforms to ensure that experienced teachers returning to the State are treated in a fair and transparent manner. — Michael Murphy. [30043/26]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to ensure that a child (details supplied) can remain in a school as the appeal against their expulsion is being carried out or until such time that an appropriate alternative educational setting is found given a long period outside of a formal school setting would be detrimental for the health and education of this student; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30053/26]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total spending on programmes targeting educationally disadvantaged schools in 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017, 2023 and 2025; the amount of this which is the provision of extra teachers as distinct from other supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30089/26]

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*552. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools receiving supports because of their disadvantaged status before the introduction of the DEIS programme; the number included in DEIS when first introduced; the expansions which have occurred since in the coverage of schools at primary and post primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30091/26]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children supported by SEN programmes before the NCSE was established; the way that number has grown since the NCSE was put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30092/26]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way the criteria for selecting schools for inclusion in the DEIS urban and rural schemes have changed since its introduction and differ from the programmes which preceded them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30093/26]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way the criteria for allocating resources teachers and special needs assistants for the support of children with different categories of special education needs have changed since the NCSE was established and differ from those used by her Department before its establishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30094/26]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will indicate the reviews of DEIS commissioned by her Department before and since DEIS was introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30095/26]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of reviews of special education needs provision commissioned by her Department before and since the NCSE was established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30096/26]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures of outcome and impact her Department tracks to measure the achievements of DEIS; the way in which they have evolved since its establishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30097/26]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures of outcome and impact her Department tracks to measure the achievements of the special education needs programmes; the way in which they have evolved since its establishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30098/26]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools expected to qualify for DEIS+ status; what the extra spend for a school of comparable size will be compared to a DEIS Urban Band 1 school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30099/26]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the feasibility of commencing the remaining sections of the Education for Persons with Special Education Needs Act 2004 has been assessed by her Department; the resource and organisational implications of such a move; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30100/26]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the correlation between schools with high needs, under measures of disadvantage and measures of special education need have been evaluated; if so, what does it show; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30101/26]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department collects evidence to shed light on the comparative effectiveness of different interventions within disadvantage or special needs programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30102/26]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the basis on which modular accommodation under the additional school accommodation scheme is not being considered

for a school (details supplied); whether the status of the building as a relatively new facility precludes such consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30123/26]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the identified need for additional autism class places in the catchment area of a school (details supplied); the steps being taken by her Department and the NCSE to meet this need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30124/26]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the consideration by the NCSE of additional autism class provision at a school (details supplied); the reasons a sanction has not yet issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30125/26]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she will take to ensure that sufficient autism class places are provided in the local area of a school (details supplied); whether modular accommodation or other interim solutions will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30126/26]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the capacity pressures within the Visiting Teacher Service for the visually impaired, in light of recent presentations to the Oireachtas by advocacy groups (details supplied); the measures being taken to ensure timely and adequate support for children with visual impairments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [30196/26]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of her Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30265/26]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps a community can take to prove there is a demand in a local area to reopen a primary school that was previously closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30284/26]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider reopening a rural school that was previously closed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30285/26]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the grants available to parents for the purchase of laptops for students given the increasing adoption of modern technologies in teaching methods; whether funding is being made available to schools for the purchase of laptops; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [30286/26]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the ongoing negotiations with school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30290/26]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if additional maths tuition could be granted to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30297/26]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when schools and parents can expect a determination to issue on applications submitted for an additional year at senior cycle for students who have reached the age of 18 years-of-age; the timeframe within which such applications are assessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Ardagh. [30318/26]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has considered reducing the Professional Master of Education from two years to one year in light of current teacher shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [30344/26]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following comments by the Taoiseach (details supplied), to outline the original number of teachers that were to be provided, and the additional number provided for in this announcement; the original number of special needs assistants that were to be provided, and the additional number provided for in this announcement; and the number of applications referenced by the Taoiseach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [30345/26]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the views of parents of early years children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [30347/26]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the views of parents whose children currently attend multi-denominational schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [30348/26]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria used to decide which responses from the National Primary School Survey were included in the reported outcomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [30349/26]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will commit to releasing the full dataset, or a more detailed breakdown of responses, of the National Primary School Survey; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [30351/26]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the application by a school (details supplied) for additional classroom spaces, which are urgently needed to accommodate the growing school population and increased demand for Gaelscoil education.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30391/26]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if any supports will be introduced for families due to the rise in school bus costs for the 2026/27 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30401/26]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30475/26]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether any funding is available for low-cost full-scale productions of Leaving Certificate plays to ensure that all students have the opportunity to see these scripts as they were originally intended. — Thomas Gould. [30532/26]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Cork currently entitled to a school place in September 2026 who have not yet received that place. — Thomas Gould. [30534/26]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Cork who are entitled to special school transport who do not currently have access to this transport. — Thomas Gould. [30535/26]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount paid out under the exceptional grant for parents of children entitled to special school transport who do not receive this transport in Cork, in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [30536/26]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review a cut in SET hours for a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [30549/26]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any work ongoing in relation to putting in place support mechanisms for children classed as twice exception that also have an advanced learning need (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30558/26]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the research carried out by a person (details supplied) into the supports required by children classed as twice exceptional that also have an advanced learning need (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30559/26]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to a letter sent to her office by a board of management of a school (details supplied); the actions she will take to address the concerns raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30565/26]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to an accommodation shortfall for a school for the coming school year (details supplied); the actions she will take to ensure this is rectified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30566/26]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeframe for when new classrooms will be in place for a school (details supplied); if her attention has been brought to concerns that if there is a delay, there will not be sufficient accommodation for the students for the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30567/26]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the permanent new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30568/26]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will facilitate a meeting with members of the board of management for a school (details supplied) to discuss their concerns related the shortfall in accommodation for the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30569/26]

*597. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will facilitate a meeting with members of the board of management for a school (details supplied) to discuss their concerns related to the delays in progressing a new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30570/26]

*598. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the basis for the significant delays in progressing the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30571/26]

*599. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond on correspondence received in relation to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [30573/26]

*600. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria used by her Department to assess overseas teaching experience for the purpose of incremental credit; the extent to which teaching experience gained in private and international schools is recognised; and whether a review of these criteria is planned. — Michael Murphy. [30579/26]

*601. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if it is the current policy of her private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if she will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30595/26]

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*603. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the NCSE behaviour support practitioner post referenced for a school (details supplied) has been filled; the date the successful candidate was appointed; the commencement date the practitioner will begin delivering supports; the exact number of hours per week the practitioner will be assigned to the school, including confirmation as to whether the post is exclusive to the school or shared, and if shared, the weekly hour allocation for each school involved. — Ken O'Flynn. [30642/26]

*604. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of suspensions imposed; the total number of suspension days issued; the average duration of suspensions in days; the suspension rate per 100 enrolled students and the number of suspensions falling into each duration band of one day, two–three days, four–five days, six–ten days, and over ten days for each of the past five academic years, in respect of ETB-managed mainstream post-primary schools and ETB-managed special schools. — Ken O'Flynn. [30643/26]

*605. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the school placement shortage in the Donabate area (details supplied); if she will prioritise the provision of an additional three primary and one secondary schools identified in the County Development Plan; the timeline for the delivery of these much-needed schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30674/26]

*606. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of her Department building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30694/26]

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*612. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30810/26]

*613. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children currently accessing supports under the access and inclusion model, including those attending ASD pre-school settings; the extent to which these figures are used to forecast demand for special education provision as they move to primary level; the measures in place to ensure sufficient provision of special needs assistants, special school placements, and resource teaching hours for children with additional needs transitioning from pre-school to primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [30824/26]

*614. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has conducted, or plans to conduct, an analysis of trends in the early education and care access and inclusion model participation, and ASD pre-school enrolments, to inform forward planning for primary school supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [30825/26]

*615. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by her Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30840/26]

*616. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria and policy basis used by her Department when sanctioning autism classes in schools; whether the age of a school building is considered as part of this decision making process; if so, to specify the minimum age a school building must reach before it is deemed eligible for the sanctioning of autism classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30854/26]

*617. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for a decision communicated to a school (details supplied), where it has been indicated by her Department to the NCSE that the school is 'too new' to be sanctioned additional autism classes, despite confirmation from the NCSE that there is an identified need for special education in the local area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30855/26]

*618. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the formal update and provision of information to schools regarding school-based July provision for pupils with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30864/26]

*619. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of school principals in relation to the lack of information available this year regarding school-based July provision for pupils with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30865/26]

*620. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of parents in relation to the lack of information available this year regarding school-based July provision for pupils with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30866/26]

*621. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take to ensure that there is timely information provided to both schools and parents in relation to school-based July provision for pupils with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30867/26]

*622. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are plans to offer Irish Sign Language as a Leaving Certificate subject; if so, the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [30877/26]

*623. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the process whereby a returning emigrant family can access school spaces for their child, due to start in second class in September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30878/26]

*624. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the new school building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [30879/26]

*625. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 130 of 11 February 2026, whether the NCSE is considering engaging with fee-charging schools in Dublin 4 or 6 in relation to the provision of special classes for the 2026-2027 school year and beyond; if she is aware of the figures compiled by a group (details supplied) through freedom of information requests, indicating that €144,920.00 was spent in 2025 transporting special education children to schools in south Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30903/26]

*626. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cé mhéad Gaelscoil atá sceidealta le hoscailt idir 2026 agus 2031. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30928/26]

*627. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cé mhéad Gaelcholáiste atá sceidealta le hoscailt idir 2026 agus 2031. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30929/26]

*628. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cé mhéad Gaelscoil nó bunscoil Ghaeltachta a bhfuil stádas DEIS acu. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30930/26]

*629. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cé mhéad Gaelcholáiste nó meánscoil Ghaeltachta a bhfuil stádas DEIS acu. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30931/26]

*630. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cé mhéad Gaelscoil, Gaelcholáiste, bunscoil Ghaeltachta agus meánscoil Ghaeltachta a dhein iarratas thar na blianta chun stádas DEIS a fháil agus ná fuair é, agus cad iad. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30932/26]

*631. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current criteria and decision-making process applied by her Department and by Bus Éireann when determining eligibility for school transport in case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [30933/26]

*632. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children engaged with the CDNT who are in need for an appropriate school place. — Jen Cummins. [30935/26]

*633. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the staffing schedule at primary schools to ensure greater fairness and equity, especially for smaller schools, as no changes have been made to the existing staffing schedule in the primary school staffing allocations for the 2026-2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [30954/26]

*634. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 430 of 24 June 2025, the way in which the person can access their retirement pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [30955/26]

*635. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide detail on the application for a modular classroom to accommodate a mainstream class at a school in County Clare (details supplied) for the start of the 2026/2027 school year; the way in which she proposes to support and advance this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [30957/26]

*636. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the emergency works application submitted by a school (details supplied) will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30979/26]

*637. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the phase two redevelopment of a school (details supplied); when will it be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30980/26]

*638. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which a person (details supplied) with relevant expertise can express their interest in joining the AI in Schools External Advisory Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30981/26]

*639. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a person (details supplied) will be considered to join the AI in Schools External Advisory Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30982/26]

*640. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider increasing the ANA allocations for school (details supplied), and addressing the shortage of supports for both mainstream classes and autism units in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30991/26]

*641. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a full breakdown of legal costs and court settlements in cases involving families seeking appropriate school places for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [31278/26]

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

*642. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of the delay in the implementation of a reported 2% increase in Eir pensions, which was agreed approximately 12 months ago; whether there are any updates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30055/26]

*643. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for clarification regarding a club's Community Sport Facilities Fund application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [29895/26]

*644. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to respond to concerns raised about the basic income for the arts (BIA) scheme 2026-2029 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [29897/26]

*645. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to allow for a person (details supplied) to make a change to their application for the basic income for artists in light of the criteria being changed after the applicant had made their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [30018/26]

*646. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the documentation that is required to apply for the basic income for the arts scheme to prove that people are artists; if proof of being an artist must be validated through the third party (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [30027/26]

*647. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for clarification regarding the basic income for the arts (BIA) scheme 2026-2029, given that these revised requirements may invalidate applications submitted earlier by artists who applied in good faith (details supplied) before such changes were introduced; if he will provide a mechanism to allow affected applicants to amend or resubmit their applications prior to the closing date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [30113/26]

*648. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the precise legal basis upon which the proposed age-verification pilot for social media platforms will operate; whether it has any statutory underpinning in Irish law given that it has been operating as a pilot (basing itself on MyGovID) without legislative basis since its inception; whether the Data Protection Commission has been formally consulted on the scheme in advance of any Cabinet memo; whether he is aware that the DPC ruled in June 2025 that the SAFE2 mechanism underpinning the Public Services Card and MyGovID was unlawful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30137/26]

*649. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether a data protection impact assessment has been completed prior to the development of the proposed "new digital wallet" social media age-verification scheme; whether the scheme, as designed, would require every person over the age of 16 wishing to post on social media to present a government-issued digital ID; whether this requirement would extend to adults as well as minors; the measures that

will prevent the infrastructure created by this scheme from being repurposed for the tracking or surveillance of citizens' online expression; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30138/26]

*650. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he has sought and received legal advice on the compatibility of the proposed digital wallet social media verification scheme with Article 8 (right to privacy) and Article 10 (freedom of expression) of the European Convention on Human Rights, and with Article 40.6.1 of Bunreacht na hÉireann; whether the scheme, by design, will eliminate online anonymity for all Irish social media users; and whether the Government considers the removal of online anonymity a proportionate response to the objective of child online safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30139/26]

*651. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the Government has considered alternative and less privacy-invasive measures for protecting children online, including the mandatory disabling of social media algorithms by default, the commencement of Section 30 of the Data Protection Act 2018 which has never been brought into force and would prohibit the targeting of children with advertising and algorithms, and the meaningful regulation of online advertising; the reason these measures have not been prioritised ahead of a mass digital identification scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30140/26]

*652. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide a full account of the data architecture of the proposed "digital wallet" social media verification scheme; specifically, whether social media platforms will receive or retain any data from a user's government identity; whether An Garda Síochána or any other State body will have the legal power to access identity data generated through the scheme; whether the State intends to log, record, or audit which social media platforms a citizen accesses using their "digital wallet" or rather "digital ID" under the auspices of simply protecting children from negative content and to facilitate the use of public services for Irish citizens; his views on the implications of the Government holding this data which the citizen has always considered private or at least anonymous on the internet without government supervision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30141/26]

*653. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he is aware of the joint statement issued in December 2025 by the Irish Council for Civil Liberties and an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30142/26]

*654. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will ensure that the National Library exhibits the letters from Freemantle prison in Western Australia (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [30231/26]

*655. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30263/26]

*656. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware that some sports clubs are updating codes of conduct without consultation, circulation or alignment with recognised adult safeguarding guidelines; the steps that will be taken to ensure that club policies

are victim centred and compliant with national safeguarding standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [30280/26]

*657. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware that some sports clubs are updating codes of conduct without consultation or circulation to members; the steps that will be taken to ensure such documents are victim centred and aligned with national safeguarding guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [30281/26]

*658. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is satisfied that an organisation (details supplied) and its affiliated clubs have adequate adult safeguarding structures, clear investigative processes and defined timelines for responding to safeguarding concerns; the actions that will be taken to address reports of prolonged delays, confidentiality breaches and the use of legal style correspondence by clubs when adults raise safety concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [30282/26]

*659. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures in place to protect women in sports clubs who report harassment, intimidation or unwanted contact from other members; whether he will introduce mandatory, trauma informed protocols to ensure that women are not further isolated, exposed to retaliation or placed in unsafe situations at training sessions or competitive events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [30283/26]

*660. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on whether ComReg has sufficient powers to regulate the phone and broadband providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30415/26]

*661. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if any review is ongoing into increasing the level of power that ComReg has to regulate phone and broadband providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30416/26]

*662. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total level of Department funding that ComReg has received for 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30419/26]

*663. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30473/26]

*664. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30593/26]

*665. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30611/26]

*666. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30692/26]

*667. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30710/26]

*668. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30730/26]

*669. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30747/26]

*670. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30808/26]

*671. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether funding has been allocated for the development of an athletics track in County Longford; and if not, the reason for same. — Sorca Clarke. [30826/26]

*672. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on any applications submitted by Longford County Council or local sports organisations for capital funding under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme relating to an athletics track. — Sorca Clarke. [30827/26]

*673. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he has conducted or commissioned any assessment of the regional disparity in athletics facilities. — Sorca Clarke. [30828/26]

*674. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if consideration will be given to prioritising County Longford in future rounds of sports capital funding to ensure equitable access to athletics facilities for young people. — Sorca Clarke. [30829/26]

*675. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being taken to ensure that athletes in counties without dedicated athletics infrastructure, such as County Longford, are not disadvantaged in competitive sport development. — Sorca Clarke. [30830/26]

*676. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30838/26]

*677. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to respond to concerns raised about the basic income for artists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [30941/26]

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

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Part IV of the Planning and Development Act 2024 will be fully commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [29567/26]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Dowth Hall Demesne and National Park will be open to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [29571/26]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the instruction to the NPWS to consider a suite of options for the control of cherry laurel; when he expects the NPWS to report back with a determination of the most appropriate measures; whether a public consultation will be held on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29576/26]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the fire services Bill; will this Bill move to the next stages. — Louis O'Hara. [29688/26]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is engaging with local authorities with a view to giving rates relief to childcare facilities given these facilitates are now being required to pay commercial rates even though they are providing an essential service to the community, and as a result of this additional cost many of them will not be reopening in September 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29731/26]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm if he has received an application for the interim remediation scheme by an owners' management company of apartments and duplexes (details supplied); if so, the works that are planned and/or the works that have been carried out to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [29754/26]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new Shannon bye laws will require commercial operators to get a licence to operate a commercial activity on the waterway; and if there will be a fee to obtain this licence. — Martin Kenny. [29762/26]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Waterways Ireland will review the waiting list for the Grand Canal Dock; and the number of persons that currently have a boat on the waterway and who applied to be on the waiting list in the past five years.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [29763/26]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Waterways Ireland will provide a break down on the amount spent on an annual basis for the past five years with PR and communication companies in preparing for appearing at Joint Oireachtas Committees. — Martin Kenny. [29764/26]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for linking rent increases in the first two years to CPI for new build, purpose-built student accommodation, with no 2% cap where the development commenced after 10 June 2025, as outlined in the National Student Accommodation Strategy 2026–2035; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29077/26]

*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the financial support, assistance or grant aid that can be accessed via his Department or at local authority level funded by his Department, that persons can access in order to assist with discoveries of items and or remains of cultural and historic significance (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [29982/26]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has been given to expanding the first home scheme and help-to-buy scheme to cover second hand homes for first time buyers given the cost of new homes in this housing crisis. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30086/26]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the proposed rural housing guidelines; whether consideration is being given to allowing non-farming families to apply for permission for an additional dwelling on their family land, by reasons of close family ties to an area, increasing the current provision from one to two houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [30135/26]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that a plot of land adjacent to and including a part of a rare alluvial woodland in Rathcoole, County Dublin is being considered for a new housing development; his views that this important woodland ecosystem would be better left undisturbed for the sake of recreational use by local residents and to protect the flora and fauna living there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30136/26]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether an assessment has been carried out at national level of the impact of invasive plant species, including those affecting dune and coastal systems, on erosion and coastal protection; whether Dublin Bay and areas such as Dollymount Strand and Bull Island have been included in any such assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30150/26]

*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures currently in place to monitor, control and manage invasive species in coastal and dune habitats in Dublin Bay, including areas such as Dollymount Strand and Bull Island; the agencies responsible for carrying out this work, including the role of the National Parks and Wildlife Service and local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30151/26]

*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding allocated in 2024, 2025 and 2026 for the management and control of invasive species in coastal areas, including Dublin Bay, by year and programme, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30152/26]

*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the national policies, strategies or programmes in place to address the spread of invasive species in coastal and dune environments; the way these are coordinated with coastal protection and climate adaptation measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30153/26]

*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of families in emergency accommodation for more than 12 months who have exited emergency accommodation since September 2025, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [30180/26]

*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether management companies hold responsibility for drainage; where these responsibilities lie; and the relevant section of the relevant Act. — Louise O'Reilly. [30232/26]

*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Local Authority Regional Homelessness Financial Reports for 2025 will be published on his Department's website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [30242/26]

*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of appeals lodged to date relating specifically to downgraded remediation options under the defective concrete blocks scheme; the number of such appeals in each county, , including a separate identification of Donegal; the number of such appeals submitted in each month since the establishment of the appeals panels, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30245/26]

*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of appeals relating to downgraded remediation options that have been withdrawn to date; the number of such withdrawals in each month; the reason recorded in each case for withdrawal; whether the reason for withdrawal is recorded as a mandatory field in all cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30246/26]

*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants who, having initiated an appeal in respect of a downgraded remediation option, subsequently opted to pursue a technical review instead; whether such cases are included in, excluded from, or separately classified within appeal statistics; the number of such cases currently recorded; the stage at which such cases are removed or reclassified within the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30247/26]

*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of appeals relating to downgraded remediation options determined to date by the appeals panels; the outcome in each case, including the number overturned resulting in an upgrade in remediation option; the number upheld; the number remitted for further inspection or reassessment; the average and median time taken to determine such appeals, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30248/26]

*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of appeals relating to downgraded remediation options currently awaiting determination by the appeals panels; the length of time each such appeal has been awaiting decision, categorised, by time bands; if he will confirm that this figure excludes withdrawn appeals and cases where applicants opted for a technical review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30249/26]

*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the name of each engineer and engineering firm currently operating under the Housing Agency framework panels in relation to the defective concrete blocks scheme; the date of appointment of each; the criteria applied for inclusion on the panels; whether any firms or individuals have been removed or

suspended and the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30250/26]

*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Questions on appeals relating to downgraded remediation options under the defective concrete blocks scheme, whether he or his Department holds the data requested; if not, whether the appeals panels or any associated bodies hold such data; if the data is held by an independent body, whether he will engage with the relevant body or bodies, including the appeals panels and/or the Housing Agency, to obtain and provide this information to Dáil Éireann; whether any legal or administrative barriers exist to the provision of such data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30251/26]

*706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1127 of 8 September 2025, the outcome of his Departments examination of the report which was commissioned by the Housing Agency to develop options for the revised or new social housing income eligibility model (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30257/26]

*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30271/26]

*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the possibility of a local authority purchasing a property (details supplied) under the tenant in situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30302/26]

*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding being allocated under the tenant in situ scheme per local authority for 2026. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30303/26]

*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding being allocated for housing acquisitions per local authority for 2026. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30304/26]

*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for maintaining separate cost calculation methodologies for the defective concrete blocks grant scheme and SEAI energy upgrade grants; whether this separation explicitly excludes energy efficiency upgrades from the DCB scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30310/26]

*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the unit rates used in the defective concrete blocks scheme are aligned with 2007 Building Regulations or another baseline; the reason current building regulations standards are not applied in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30311/26]

*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there are plans to align the defective concrete blocks scheme with current energy efficiency standards in future revisions; and if discussions have taken place with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30316/26]

*714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage given that the defective concrete blocks grant scheme applies unit rates aligned to 2007 Building Regulations, and further given that certain elements of construction such as double glazing to 2007 specifications are no longer commercially available, whether the use of currently available alternatives such as triple glazing is classified as "betterment" rather than necessary replacement within the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30317/26]

*715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review correspondence (details supplied). — John Paul O'Shea. [30319/26]

*716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider proposing the extension of the mandatory retirement age for firefighters from 62 years-of-age to the State pension age of 66, in view of the enactment of the Employment (Restriction on Certain Mandatory Retirement Ages) Act 2025, which recognises that employees should not be required to retire before the State pension age where they are fit, capable and willing to continue working; if he accepts that the continued use of age as a proxy for occupational risk in the fire service is unnecessary, given that firefighters are already subject to robust and objective annual medical assessments, fitness testing and competency evaluations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [30362/26]

*717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the Croí Cónaithe grant process so that applicants may draw down funds on the basis of a completion certificate issued by a qualified local engineer, rather than being required to submit all receipts prior to payment, noting that applicants will still be required to retain all receipts for potential random audits to ensure full accountability and compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [30363/26]

*718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30481/26]

*719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost to provide for adult changing facilities in every Irish town with a population greater than 5,000. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30489/26]

*720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the derelict sites levy data will be published for 2025. — Thomas Gould. [30537/26]

*721. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount waived in the derelict sites levies in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [30538/26]

*722. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has held any meetings with the Minister for Finance on the new derelict sites tax; and the number of these meetings. — Thomas Gould. [30539/26]

*723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times the Southwest Regional Homeless Forum met in 2025 and to date in 2026; the dates of these meetings; and the number of attendees. — Thomas Gould. [30540/26]

*724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the full voids return allocation was drawn down in 2025; the date the full allocation was drawn down; and the number of homes that remained vacant at 31 December 2025. — Thomas Gould. [30541/26]

*725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes that have had stock audits completed; whether he has seen preliminary results of these stock audits; and whether he intends to fund legacy issues identified in these audits. — Thomas Gould. [30542/26]

*726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has assessed the impact of probate delays on national housing supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [30577/26]

*727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30601/26]

*728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30619/26]

*729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the complete staffing WTE compliment for Tailte Éireann, by grade; if his attention has been drawn to a human resourcing issue at the body; the steps he will take with Tailte Éireann to clear backlogs in processing files. — Aidan Farrelly. [30647/26]

*730. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the definition of "betterment" under the defective concrete blocks scheme; whether upgrades such as triple glazing and heat pumps are formally excluded from grant eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [30665/26]

*731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30700/26]

*732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30718/26]

*733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30738/26]

*734. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30755/26]

*735. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30777/26]

*736. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30798/26]

*737. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30816/26]

*738. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30846/26]

*739. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the Government is not represented at the Public Planning Inquiry in Omagh into the Curraghinalt (Dalradian) Project, the proposed gold mine in County Tyrone given the profound cross-Border implications of the matter. — Paul Murphy. [30874/26]

*740. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that an owner management company cannot prevent an owner of a duplex home, with their own roof and attic from installing solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30882/26]

*741. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether fire service personnel who assist in cross-Border co-operation in the 26 counties can receive recognitions/awards in this State. — Thomas Gould. [30898/26]

*742. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the current and upcoming funding streams available under his Department and associated bodies for the conservation, restoration and protection of built and archaeological heritage sites; if he will outline the application processes, eligibility criteria and assessment procedures for such schemes; the timelines and submission deadlines for the next round of funding allocations under schemes, including the built heritage investment scheme and the historic structures fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [30912/26]

*743. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); to clarify the policy changes in relation to the criteria for the capital advance leasing facility scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [30938/26]

*744. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities are obliged to participate in inter-county/council tenant-in-situ agreements/arrangements; whether they decide that they will only consider the scheme for families/individuals on their own housing waiting lists; if he will provide the guidelines or circular addressing this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30971/26]

*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being undertaken in order that householders in the Fingal County Council jurisdiction whose homes have pyrite can get financial support with the remediation of those homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30977/26]

*746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the awards or recognition that can be presented to members of the Fire Service; and whether any of these can be presented to those working in the Northern Fire Service who engage in cross-Border operations. — Thomas Gould. [31029/26]

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

*747. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the roll out of the hot school meals programme to secondary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [30287/26]

*748. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of funding that has been provided to local Intreo offices, broken down by county for each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29693/26]

*749. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Intreo staff that are employed to assist the public in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29695/26]

*750. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider providing an agreed funding allocation to Intreo offices in County Meath for a five-year period instead of the current three year period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29697/26]

*751. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the gross expenditure on fuel allowance in each month of 2026 to date, together with the number of recipient households at the end of each month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29715/26]

*752. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of increasing the weekly earnings disregard for recipients of the one-parent family payment and jobseeker's transitional payment to €210; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29716/26]

*753. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who transitioned from disability allowance to State pension (non-contributory) upon reaching pension age in 2025; the estimated annual cost of providing those individuals with the State pension (contributory) instead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29717/26]

*754. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of additional needs payments awarded to persons aged 18-25 and to persons aged over 66 in each of the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29718/26]

*755. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families with children in third year who received the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance in the 2025-2026 academic year, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [29719/26]

*756. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of providing a double back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance payment to all students entering fourth year who received the payment in the previous academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29720/26]

*757. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing by €1 per week the State pension (contributory and non-contributory); the living alone increase; all primary weekly social welfare payments including, but not limited to, jobseeker's payments, disability allowance, one-parent family payment and carer's payments; and the estimated number of recipients covered in each category, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29721/26]

*758. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for supplementary welfare allowance received, per county, per week for each of the years 2025 and 2026 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29780/26]

*759. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the consultation process in relation to a cost of disability payment. — Paul Murphy. [29066/26]

*760. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the date on which the current rates and structure of the electricity allowance and natural gas allowance under the household benefits package were last formally reviewed or revised; and the outcome of that review. — Ken O'Flynn. [29796/26]

*761. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any cost-of-living, inflation or domestic energy price benchmarking formed part of the most recent review of the electricity allowance and natural gas allowance; and if so, to provide details of the methodology used. — Ken O'Flynn. [29797/26]

*762. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current weekly and daily equivalent monetary value of the electricity allowance and natural gas allowance; and the basis on which these rates were determined. — Ken O'Flynn. [29798/26]

*763. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the equivalent value in today's terms of the electricity and natural gas allowance at the time of the last substantive review when adjusted for inflation and energy price increases; and if she will provide the data sources used for this calculation. — Ken O'Flynn. [29799/26]

*764. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether her Department has conducted any assessment of the adequacy of the electricity allowance and natural gas allowance in meeting current household energy costs; and if so, to provide details of that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [29800/26]

*765. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated proportion of an average household electricity or gas bill currently covered by the electricity allowance and natural gas allowance; and how this compares to the proportion covered at the time of the last review. — Ken O'Flynn. [29801/26]

*766. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether consideration has been given to revising the structure of the electricity and natural gas allowance to reflect seasonal usage patterns, including higher consumption during winter months; and if so, to outline any proposals. — Ken O'Flynn. [29802/26]

*767. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has examined the previous unit-based system of energy support, including winter and non-winter allocations; and whether any comparative analysis has been undertaken with the current allowance structure. — Ken O'Flynn. [29803/26]

*768. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total annual expenditure on the electricity allowance and natural gas allowance for each of the past five years; and the projected expenditure for the current year. — Ken O'Flynn. [29804/26]

*769. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a further review of the electricity allowance and natural gas allowance is planned in advance of Budget 2027; and if so, the timeline and scope of that review. — Ken O'Flynn. [29805/26]

*770. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive a decision on their appeal for domiciliary care allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29970/26]

*771. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of bereaved partner's (contributory) pension that are under investigation for co-habiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [29978/26]

*772. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of bereaved partner's (non-contributory) pension that are under investigation for co-habiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [29979/26]

*773. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the payment of statutory sick pay will impact on those receiving the bereaved partner's (contributory) pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [29980/26]

*774. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the support available to a care worker (details supplied). — Conor D. McGuinness. [29997/26]

*775. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the support available to a care worker (details supplied). — Conor D. McGuinness. [29998/26]

*776. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the treatment of near-neighbour community benefit payments made to households living in proximity to onshore wind farm developments under the renewable electricity support scheme, with particular regard to their impact on eligibility for means-tested payments and entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [30000/26]

*777. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on a review of a domiciliary care allowance application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30134/26]

*778. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30275/26]

*779. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision for a jobseeker allowance application will be made for a person (details supplied); if any additional information or documents are required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30314/26]

*780. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the backdating of disability allowance for cam be urgently allowed for a person (details supplied), as this man is very sick and could not submit the form due to illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30341/26]

*781. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the locations of INTREO offices that currently do not have a defibrillator available for use within the offices; and the estimated costs required to ensure all remaining INTREO offices have defibrillators ready for use. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30438/26]

*782. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30485/26]

*783. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person can be reviewed (details supplied); to provide an update on their social welfare application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [30548/26]

*784. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30605/26]

*785. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30623/26]

*786. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30704/26]

*787. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30722/26]

*788. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30741/26]

*789. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30759/26]

*790. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30780/26]

*791. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30802/26]

*792. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30820/26]

*793. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30850/26]

*794. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider extending the back-to-work enterprise allowance (BTWEA) to include individuals who are signing on for PRSI credits but are excluded from payments due to means testing; or alternatively, if he will consider introducing a parallel pathway for people in such a position to access the BTWEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [30856/26]

*795. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance appeal (details supplied) submitted in November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30911/26]

*796. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people currently in receipt of a heating supplement payment; if he can provide a breakdown of this payment, per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [30927/26]

*797. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision on the application of a person (details supplied) for the treatment benefit scheme will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [30958/26]

*798. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review an application (details supplied) and escalate this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30984/26]

*799. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he is aware that the taxation of near-neighbour community payments arising from onshore wind farm developments affects eligibility for non-contributory pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [31560/26]

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

*800. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration is he aware that a number of Ukrainian Junior Certificate students currently living in accommodation (details supplied) are being relocated to Kill, County Kildare on 29 April 2026 which is causing huge anxiety to the students in advance of their exams; if he will explore the possibility of an extension in their current accommodation to allow the students complete their Junior Cert without any stress, upset or upheaval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30969/26]

*801. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2178 of 14 April 2026, the most recent figures available for the number of Gardaí deployed to in roads policing, by Garda division; the number who are on active duty, by Garda division; and the number included in the overall figures but are currently on long-time sick leave, suspended and the number on light duty. — Emer Currie. [29561/26]

*802. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average cost per applicant of legal aid services provided to persons seeking international protection, in each year from 2019 to 2025, broken down by application stage and appeals stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29651/26]

*803. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of applicants for international protection who received legal aid services in each year from 2019 to 2025; the corresponding total expenditure, in order to establish the average cost per case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29652/26]

*804. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and proportion of international protection applications supported by Legal Aid Board services that resulted in a grant of protection; a refusal; and a successful appeal, in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29653/26]

*805. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department or the Legal Aid Board has conducted any value-for-money or efficiency assessment of legal aid expenditure in respect of international protection applicants since 2019; if so, to provide details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29654/26]

*806. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any expenditure ceiling, budgetary control mechanism, or forecasting model is in place in respect of legal aid services for international protection applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29655/26]

*807. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether Ireland's expenditure per capita on legal aid services for international protection applicants has been benchmarked against other EU Member States; if so, to provide the findings of such benchmarking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29659/26]

*808. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether consideration has been given to expanding access to legal representation for Irish citizens in areas currently excluded or limited, including housing disputes and tribunal-based matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29660/26]

*809. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent by An Garda Síochána on purchasing specialist public order equipment in each of the years of 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [29687/26]

*810. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of calls answered on the Garda Victim Service Office line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [29734/26]

*811. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí assigned to roads policing units, by Garda division; and the change in those numbers since 2019. — Emer Currie. [29753/26]

*812. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed charged notices issued by the Gardaí each year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Hayes. [29779/26]

*813. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 474 of 12 February 2026, the number of investigations commenced in respect of the reported animal cruelty incidents recorded from Quarter 3 of 2024 to Quarter 4 of 2025; and for a breakdown of those incidents by status, including ongoing investigation, investigation concluded without prosecution, and investigation resulting in criminal proceedings. — Ken O'Flynn. [29817/26]

*814. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of files relating to alleged animal cruelty incidents recorded from Quarter 3 of 2024 to Quarter 4 of 2025 that have been submitted by An Garda Síochána to the Director of Public Prosecutions; and if he will provide the number submitted in each quarter concerned. — Ken O'Flynn. [29818/26]

*815. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to the confirmation that 23 proceedings by way of charge or summons had been initiated in association with the relevant incidents as of 10 March 2026; if he will provide a breakdown of those proceedings by offence type, quarter, and present status. — Ken O'Flynn. [29819/26]

*816. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of animal cruelty-related proceedings arising from incidents recorded since Quarter 3 of 2024 which have, to date, resulted in conviction, acquittal, dismissal, strike-out, withdrawal, or remain pending, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [29820/26]

*817. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a breakdown of the animal cruelty incidents recorded from Quarter 3 of 2024 to Quarter 4 of 2025 under the 'Cruelty/Neglect' incident type on PULSE, by county, and Garda division. — Ken O'Flynn. [29821/26]

*818. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether consideration has been given to introducing enhanced data reporting requirements or statutory obligations to ensure consistent national recording and publication of animal cruelty enforcement data; and if so, the status of such considerations. — Ken O'Flynn. [29831/26]

*819. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of cases arising from peer review since 2018 that have resulted in arrests, files submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions, and prosecutions initiated. — Ken O'Flynn. [29840/26]

*820. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on a certificate of naturalisation application (details supplied); the reason the applicant was recently advised that their application has been closed because they failed to submit documents which his Department says were requested, though the applicant maintains they received no such request. — Séamus McGrath. [30025/26]

*821. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider establishing a scheme within An Garda Síochána that would allow retiring Garda members to continue serving on a part-time or reduced hours basis, similar to the arrangements available to retired teachers who may return as substitute or fixed term teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [30048/26]

*822. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated cost to introduce a speeding camera; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30105/26]

*823. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated cost to introduce 500 speeding cameras; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30106/26]

*824. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department can investigate the reason a citizenship application (details supplied) has been delayed for over 28 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [30111/26]

*825. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way an applicant's family received their citizenship years in advance to their own (details supplied); the specific reason holding up their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [30112/26]

*826. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the recorded number of reported crimes in the Garda division covering Donnycarney, by offence type and year for the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [30121/26]

*827. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the specific locations of each of the seven large-scale international protection accommodation service centres that are proposed to be exempted from normal planning requirements under the General Scheme of the Planning and Development Act (Planning Status of State Sites) Amendment Bill 2025; and to confirm the current operational status of each site. — Ken O'Flynn. [30127/26]

*828. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a written explanation of the criteria used by his Department and by IPAS to classify or distinguish between different categories of international protection accommodation centres, including the basis on which certain centres are designated as large-scale or "mega" centres; whether such classification is determined by reference to property size, the number of residents accommodated, the ratio of IPAS residents to the local population, or any other metric; and to publish any internal guidance documents setting out these classifications. — Ken O'Flynn. [30128/26]

*829. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the planned maximum capacity of each of the seven IPAS centres proposed to be covered by the forthcoming planning exemption legislation; and to outline the rationale for exempting these centres from the standard

planning process, given that the High Court has previously found issues with the planning basis for existing State-owned IPAS sites. — Ken O'Flynn. [30129/26]

*830. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current average processing times for extension of student conditions (ESTC) applications; if ESTC applicants are entitled to work or accept a new paid position of employment while their application continues to be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [30133/26]

*831. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is aware that total State expenditure on international protection accommodation rose by 19% to €1.2 billion in 2025 despite a 30% drop in the number of new arrivals; the reason the cost of accommodating asylum seekers has increased from €38 per person per night in 2018 to €99 per person per night in 2025; what steps are being taken to bring accommodation costs under control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30143/26]

*832. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is aware that the International Protection Appeals Tribunal accepted more than 15,000 appeals in 2025 and had approximately 19,000 cases on hand at the end of that year; what additional resources, staffing or legislative measures are being considered to address this backlog; whether the Government's own analytical report has concluded that faster processing of appeals represents the most effective medium-term means of reducing accommodation costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30144/26]

*833. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is aware that approximately 80% of international protection applications are rejected at first instance but that around 62% of those decisions are subsequently appealed, prolonging accommodation stays and increasing costs to the State; the reason the International Protection Appeals Tribunal had approximately 19,000 cases on hand at the end of 2025; what additional resources are being allocated to clear this backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30145/26]

*834. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he can account for the significant and growing gap between the number of international protection deportation orders signed and the number actually executed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30146/26]

*835. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration following his signing of the commencement order on 7 April 2025 reestablishing the power to revoke naturalised Irish citizenship under Section 19 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended by the Courts, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2024; if he will provide an update on the number of revocation proceedings initiated since the process was recommenced; the number of cases currently before a Committee of Inquiry; whether any certificates of naturalisation have been successfully revoked to date; if he will outline the specific criteria and thresholds being applied to determine cases of fraudulent acquisition of citizenship and cases involving a serious risk or threat to the State; the resources and staffing allocated within his Department to administer the revocation process; whether his Department has any intention to expand these criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30147/26]

*836. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is aware of consistent media reporting that companies and individuals registered for tax purposes in offshore jurisdictions, including the Isle of Man, have been awarded contracts by his Department for the provision of International Protection Accommodation Services; in all instances where the

Department has contracted with entities registered in offshore jurisdictions for services delivered within the State, what tax treatment has been applied to those payments; whether there are any instances in which payments made by the Department to offshore-registered entities for services delivered in Ireland are not subject to Irish taxation; whether there are instances in which the Department has self-assessed and paid the VAT element associated with such services through the reverse charge mechanism rather than receiving a VAT-inclusive invoice from the provider; given the scale and nature of these contracts, what ongoing compliance activities the Department undertakes with respect to monies paid, including due diligence on the tax status, corporate structure and solvency of contracted entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [30148/26]

*837. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 1953 of 14 April 2026, if his attention has been drawn to significant delays since Q3 2025 for visitor visa to Ireland applications by Russian citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30182/26]

*838. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the average processing time in 2026 to date, for visitor visa to Ireland applications by Russian citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30183/26]

*839. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protocols in place for residents who are expelled from a facility (details supplied) that provides accommodation for people seeking international protection; if these residents are brought anywhere or linked in with any services; if his Department is notified that this has occurred; his Department's response to these situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [30195/26]

*840. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which renewal decisions are made in respect of a non-EEA national (details supplied); whether the receipt of such supports by the Irish-citizen partner will have any bearing on the renewal of the non-EEA national's de facto partner permission, notwithstanding that the permission holder remains in full-time employment and continues to comply with all conditions attaching to that permission; the consideration given to humanitarian and compassionate circumstances in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30256/26]

*841. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30272/26]

*842. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration which of the 21 recommendations from the 2025 Review of the Operation of the in Camera Rule in Family Law Proceedings are to be enacted; the recommendations that may be enacted following the review; the recommendations that definitely will not be enacted; the timeframe for implementation of agreed recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [30305/26]

*843. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will address the significant cost barriers associated with Section 32 Voice of the Child reports which can range from €700 to €5,000; the steps being taken to ensure that children from lower income families are not denied the opportunity to have their views heard in family law proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [30306/26]

*844. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the proposed national panel of accredited assessors for Section 32 and Section 47 reports will be established, as recommended in the 2024 Review of Expert Reports in the Family Law Process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [30307/26]

*845. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration he will introduce statutory minimum qualifications and regulatory oversight for all court appointed assessors, including those offering opinions on parental alienation, in light of concerns raised in Dáil Éireann regarding unqualified and unregistered experts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [30308/26]

*846. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2174 of 14 April 2026, if he will outline where the requirement for evidence of two year usage of a name that has been changed with a gender recognition certificate is published to naturalisation applicants; if this two year's usage requirement is informed by the Gender Recognition Act 2015; if those who wish to use a spouse's surname if a two year usage requirement is sought (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [30340/26]

*847. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2178 of 14 April 2026, the most recent figures available for the number of Gardaí deployed in roads policing, by Garda division; the number who are on active duty, by Garda division; the number that are included in the overall figures but are currently on long-term sick leave; the number suspended; and the number on light duty. — Emer Currie. [30346/26]

*848. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider the establishment of a new role within An Garda Síochána, namely community support Gardaí, modelled on the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in the United Kingdom (details supplied); if he will consider empowering such officers with limited enforcement abilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30408/26]

*849. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 710 of 16 December 2025, if he has received the relevant information from the Garda authorities to answer this PQ. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30431/26]

*850. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of detective inspector posts filled within Kildare-Carlow division. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30432/26]

*851. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions he is taking to prevent anti-social behaviour in Dublin city centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30447/26]

*852. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30482/26]

*853. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the continuous export licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [30551/26]

*854. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the Government has substituted the promised 'exceptionality assessment' for a flat-rate payment of €20,000 in respect of the victims of the Stardust fire. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30556/26]

*855. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30602/26]

*856. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30620/26]

*857. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to invest in high-powered roads policing vehicles and continue to upgrade the Garda fleet to support effective enforcement; the progress that has been made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [30650/26]

*858. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on measures he is taking to ensure a financial contribution is made by employed and self-employed IPAS residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30667/26]

*859. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the premises in Kill, County Kildare proposed to accommodate Ukrainian families who are being transferred from Donabate meets and satisfies the HIQA national standards for persons accommodated in the protection process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [30673/26]

*860. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on amendments to the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2003. — Tom Brabazon. [30676/26]

*861. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30701/26]

*862. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30719/26]

*863. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30739/26]

*864. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30756/26]

*865. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30776/26]

*866. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30799/26]

*867. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30817/26]

*868. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30847/26]

*869. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has given consideration to much-needed reform of the family court system, and the child-centred decisions; and his views on specific policy proposals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [30886/26]

*870. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of data access requests that An Garda Síochána, GSOC and CAB have made to telecommunications and social media companies in the past three years and to date in 2026, under the Communications (Retention of Data) Act (as amended) 2022; the number of access requests that were approved and declined by the companies that the data was requested from; the reason the data was sought; and to include in his response the social media companies to which requests were made. — Aidan Farrelly. [30947/26]

*871. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the systems in place to respond to ensuring availability for religious ministers and leaders, for faith communities and religions where there may be limited availability of locally trained clergy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [30060/26]

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

*872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the formal arrangements that exist between An Garda Síochána and other public authorities, including his Department and local authorities, in relation to the referral, joint handling, or escalation of suspected animal cruelty or neglect cases. — Ken O'Flynn. [29827/26]

*873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the performance indicators, governance metrics, or oversight arrangements used by his Department to assess the effectiveness of the State's response to alleged animal cruelty offences, including reporting rates, investigation progression, seizure action, prosecution rates, and case outcomes. — Ken O'Flynn. [29828/26]

*874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any policy gaps, operational deficiencies, or data limitations have been identified by his Department or An Garda

Síochána in relation to the recording and investigation of animal cruelty incidents; and if he will outline the steps being taken to address same. — Ken O'Flynn. [29830/26]

*875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the role external bodies or agencies play in supporting investigations into animal cruelty incidents, including veterinary services or animal welfare organisations; and whether formal protocols exist governing such engagement. — Ken O'Flynn. [29832/26]

*876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify the taxation and excise arrangements arising from the Government's fuel support package announced in April 2026, insofar as they relate to marked gas oil, commonly referred to as green diesel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [30389/26]

*877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main policy achievements of his Department within the forestry sector since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29621/26]

*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the mental health supports that are in place for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [29661/26]

*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions his Department is taking to promote farm safety; the measures that are in place currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [29662/26]

*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the audit threshold for accounts remains at €100,000 within his Department, despite the official audit exemption threshold being increased to €250,000 in 2025; if he is aware that this discrepancy, coupled with the high cost of audits-estimated at €5,000-is deterring small-scale animal welfare charities from seeking funding when their income only marginally exceeds the lower limit; the reason for the 30 August 2026 submission deadline for accounts when Revenue allows for a longer period until at least 30 September 2026; if he will align these requirements with Revenue and company law standards to reduce the administrative and financial burden on the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [29964/26]

*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the number of non-coursing greyhounds currently on waitlist for a vacancy in an Irish greyhound care home, foster place or rescue place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29995/26]

*882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which an Irish non-coursing greyhound (details supplied) is recorded in Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29996/26]

*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the Protection of the Native Irish Honeybee Bill 2021; the reason the report commissioned by his Department in December 2024 on the protection of the Irish honeybee has not yet been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [30199/26]

*884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has carried out an updated assessment of Ireland's food security in light of ongoing international

conflicts, including instability in the Middle East and Ukraine, and the associated disruption to global food, fertiliser and energy markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30237/26]

*885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm the extent to which Ireland relies on imported vegetables (details supplied); whether this level of dependence is considered sustainable from a food security and affordability perspective.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30238/26]

*886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the significant decline in domestic potato production from over 20,000 hectares in the 1990s to fewer than 9,000 hectares in recent years represents a strategic vulnerability for the State, given that Ireland is now a net importer of a staple crop historically produced at scale domestically; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30239/26]

*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the targeted grant or emergency support schemes currently available or under consideration to assist Irish vegetable and potato growers with rising input costs, including fertiliser, fuel and energy, particularly in the context of food price inflation which peaked at over 16% in 2022, according to the CSO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30240/26]

*888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine given that the spring growing season is already underway, if he will introduce immediate measures to incentivise expanded domestic planting of staple crops in 2026; his views on whether increased investment in Irish food production should be treated as a strategic national priority to improve resilience, reduce import dependence and support rural employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30241/26]

*889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30260/26]

*890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to simplify as a matter of priority, the targeted agriculture modernisation scheme as a significant number of applications are being turned down due to the scheme being too onerous and complicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30291/26]

*891. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of targeted agriculture modernisation scheme applications that have been granted/refused in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30292/26]

*892. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of targeted agriculture modernisation scheme applications that have been granted/refused in County Kerry, in each of the years 2022 to 2025, and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30293/26]

*893. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 2217, 2192 and 2218 of 14 April 2026, the percentage of beef imported from UK/

GB in 2025 and 2026 which was born, reared and slaughtered in UK/GB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30338/26]

*894. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total Department funding paid between 2020 and 2025 to organisations (details supplied); and for a further breakdown on the origin of these funding streams such as CAP and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30339/26]

*895. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has engaged with the Department of Climate, Energy and Environment in respect of unmet demand to roll out solar technologies that are not being met by funding restrictions to the TAMs scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [30370/26]

*896. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grant supports in place for farmers or agricultural contractors who want to purchase zero-emission farm vehicles; if there are supports available under the targeted agricultural modernisation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [30380/26]

*897. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on measures to protect the welfare of urban horses, in particular in relation to the welfare of horses used in sulky racing; the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Transport in relation to recent events (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [30396/26]

*898. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30470/26]

*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30590/26]

*900. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30608/26]

*901. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30689/26]

*902. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30707/26]

*903. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and

owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30727/26]

*904. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30744/26]

*905. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30765/26]

*906. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30788/26]

*907. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30805/26]

*908. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30835/26]

*909. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to urgently examine issues pertaining to TAMS (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [30881/26]

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

*910. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a dedicated speech and language (SLT) post will be in place within the HSE Mid-West Adult Disability Service, as the service does not currently have a dedicated SLT post aligned to the staffing complement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30887/26]

*911. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the submission of Disability Supports Application Management Tool (DSMAT) forms by disability service providers in County Mayo; the extent to which providers are meeting DSMAT submission requirements; to identify any providers with outstanding or overdue submissions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [30901/26]

*912. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding payments under the national childcare scheme; if there is any flexibility in terms of back payments for parents that missed a registration deadline or registered late for any reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29582/26]

*913. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the level of funding provided to Blakestown children's disability network team, Blanchardstown children's disability network team and Cabra Grangegorman children's disability network team, broken down per year from

2016 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [29627/26]

*914. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of graduate speech and language therapists that were offered placements within CDNTs in CHO8 in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29642/26]

*915. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has undertaken any assessment of the likely impact of the proposed European Union Equal Treatment Directive on groups identified for protection under the directive; the findings of any such assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [29647/26]

*916. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any gaps have been identified between the protections set out in the proposed European Union Equal Treatment Directive and existing equality legislation in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [29649/26]

*917. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the main obstacles identified at council level to progressing the proposed European Union Equal Treatment Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [29648/26]

*918. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the State's current position in negotiations at council level on the proposed European Union Equal Treatment Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [29650/26]

*919. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2493 of 14 April 2026, to outline the appraisal tools that have been developed in order to select projects that align with programme objectives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29673/26]

*920. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2493 of 14 April 2026, the quarter of 2026 in which decisions will be made on the specific projects agreed upon under the early learning and childcare capital programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [29674/26]

*921. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children and young people on waiting lists for assessment of need and for therapy services, including speech and language, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and psychology, as of 31 March 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29726/26]

*922. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of assessment of need applications overdue for completion under statutory timeframes as of 31 March 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [29727/26]

*923. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of childcare facilities which are providing childcare under the ECCE scheme, who are now required to pay commercial rates to their relevant local authority; if her Department has had any engagement with local authorities on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [29730/26]

*924. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to the continuation of an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29755/26]

*925. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will engage with members of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to concerns for the viability of the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29756/26]

*926. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to proposed strike action by members of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to concerns for the deficit in services that had been provided by the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29757/26]

*927. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the liquidation of an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29758/26]

*928. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the merits of establishing an independent review of an organisation (details supplied) into the circumstances related to the closure of the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29759/26]

*929. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the engagement she has had with members of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to concerns for the viability of the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29760/26]

*930. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions she will take to ensure that the services provided by an organisation (details supplied) will be in place going forward, regardless of the formal status of the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [29761/26]

*931. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of assessment of need applications which were received in County Galway for the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of these applications in County Galway which were overdue for completion at the end of each of those years including the latest data in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [29794/26]

*932. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on her Department's plan to reform the assessment of need process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [29795/26]

*933. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the geographical criteria used in determining placement for respite care for adults with intellectual disability; if a home address in a specific county automatically disqualifies an individual from accessing respite care in another county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29865/26]

*934. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a person (details supplied) has been unable to apply for residence in St. Christophers Longford residential service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29867/26]

*935. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to review the case of a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [29869/26]

*936. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [29965/26]

*937. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures her Department is taking to provide additional respite capacity in County Galway, in view of the increasing waiting lists for these services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [30044/26]

*938. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of respite hours provided to families in County Galway in the past year; the planned level of capacity for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [30045/26]

*939. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a grant is available to young adult service users who are no longer in school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [30166/26]

*940. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of her Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30261/26]

*941. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to expedite an application for a club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30326/26]

*942. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a list of respite facilities currently accessible to adults with special and additional needs in the County Galway area; if there are plans to expand the availability of such services; and if she will ensure that appropriate transport provision is in place to support individuals in accessing respite care within their communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [30364/26]

*943. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a list of respite facilities currently accessible to children with special and additional needs in the County Galway area; if there are plans to expand the availability of such services; and if she will ensure that appropriate transport provision is in place to support individuals in accessing respite care within their communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [30365/26]

*944. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 1040 of 17 February 2026, when a reply will be issued by Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30371/26]

*945. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children on Children's Disability Network Team waiting lists in Cork, by team and length of time waiting, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30453/26]

*946. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for assessment of need in Cork; the number that have been waiting, by month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30454/26]

*947. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of children currently awaiting assessment and intervention by Children's Disability Network Teams; the average waiting time for such assessments; whether current staffing levels are adequate to meet existing demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30455/26]

*948. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time from referral to first assessment, and from assessment to intervention, within Children's Disability Network Teams, both nationally and by Community Healthcare Organisation area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30456/26]

*949. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on waiting times for assessments of need in Cork; the measures being taken to reduce these waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30457/26]

*950. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actual full year cost incurred in 2025 arising from the increase in the universal hourly subsidy under the national childcare scheme from €1.40 to €2.14; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30458/26]

*951. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated full year cost, based on current numbers, of reducing the maximum fee cap for services participating in core funding from €295 to €200 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30459/26]

*952. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated full year cost, based on current numbers, of increasing the universal hourly subsidy under the national childcare scheme by €1, bringing it to €3.14 per hour for a maximum of 45 hours per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30460/26]

*953. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated full year cost, based on current numbers, of increasing the universal hourly subsidy under the national childcare scheme by €2, bringing it to €4.14 per hour for a maximum of 45 hours per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30461/26]

*954. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of expressions of interest received by her Department in respect of State-led childcare facilities; the locations from which such expressions of interest have been received, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30462/26]

*955. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a full list of all registered providers of early years and school age childcare services operating three or more services; the number of services registered to each provider, the type of service provided and whether each service is privately or community operated, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30465/26]

*956. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30471/26]

*957. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a full breakdown of legal costs and court settlements in cases involving challenges by parents regarding assessment of needs since 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [30488/26]

*958. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is aware of crisis placements displacing existing respite services for children with disabilities, resulting in families losing access to essential supports; the measures being taken to ensure that crisis care and respite care are provided through separate, protected capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [30543/26]

*959. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department is taking to restore full respite services in County Galway, where families have reported that respite has been withdrawn or significantly reduced due to capacity pressures; and if she will provide a timeline for the delivery of stable, reliable respite provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [30544/26]

*960. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has reviewed the level of funding provided to disability service providers with a view to supporting the development of dedicated crisis placements, so that emergency cases do not result in the cancellation of respite for other children and families. — Peter Roche. [30545/26]

*961. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [30575/26]

*962. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if it is the current policy of her private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if she will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30591/26]

*963. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of her ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by her office to all local Oireachtas members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30609/26]

*964. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the options available for adult service users (details supplied) to access transport to their day services in County Mayo to ensure attendance, safety and equal access. — Keira Keogh. [30644/26]

*965. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the next round of funding will open under the capital grant scheme for playgrounds and recreation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [30645/26]

*966. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will make a statement on precisely the roadmap for reducing early years fees to €200; if she will detail the engagement she

has undertaken and will take with providers and trade unions in respect of same; and if she will make a statement on her plans to ensure that there is adequate buy-in from the sector to facilitate such a reduction. — Ivana Bacik. [30656/26]

*967. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 1480, 1510 and 1511 of 18 March 2026, the analysis her Department has carried out in respect of Companies Registration Office accounts of early years providers; if she is satisfied that existing systems sufficiently incentivise participation in Core Funding; if she will make a statement on providers running losses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [30657/26]

*968. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department holds, or plans to develop, disaggregated early learning and care capacity and demand data at Galway city level rather than county level, particularly in respect of children under two years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [30664/26]

*969. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of her Department building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30690/26]

*970. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30708/26]

*971. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30728/26]

*972. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30745/26]

*973. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30766/26]

*974. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total allocation of funding to each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30789/26]

*975. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30806/26]

*976. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by her Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30836/26]

*977. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the targeted recruitment campaigns or incentives that are being done to encourage people into early years education (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [30891/26]

*978. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the increased funding supports that are available for services struggling to maintain staffing ratios (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [30892/26]

*979. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is looking at expanding training and introducing upskilling programmes to grow the workforce (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [30893/26]

*980. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures her Department is taking to improve pay and conditions in the childcare sector to attract and retain qualified staff (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [30894/26]

*981. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will consider streamlined pathways for the recognition of international childcare qualifications (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [30895/26]

*982. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there is currently a 36-month waiting list for assessment of need in Cork; the specific measures being taken to reduce this waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30905/26]

*983. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the assessment of need waiting lists in Cork; the current number of children awaiting assessment; the average waiting times; the steps being taken to reduce waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30906/26]

*984. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in Cork that received an assessment of need within the statutory timeframe in the years 2024 to date; the number that did not; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30907/26]

*985. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on CDNT waiting lists for assessments and therapies in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30908/26]

*986. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in light of ongoing delays in accessing disability services such as assessments of need, therapies and respite, the specific actions her Department is taking to reduce waiting times; the way in which she is ensuring that children and adults are supported at key transition points where delays may have long-term developmental or social impacts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [30909/26]

*987. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current number of registered early learning and care places available in Galway city, broken down by age category, including children aged 0–one years and one–two years; the number of children on waiting lists

in the city for these age cohorts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [30967/26]

*988. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the specific measures that are being taken, or are planned, to address the shortage of childcare places for children under two years of age in Galway city, including whether the city is being prioritised under State-led or publicly supported early learning and childcare provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [30968/26]

*989. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of special emergency arrangements entered into by Tusla in each of the past five years, broken down by year.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30985/26]

*990. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of special emergency arrangements that were closed by Tusla in each of the past five years, broken down by year; and to provide the reasons for closure in each case. — Peadar Tóibín. [30986/26]

*991. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total cost incurred by Tusla in respect of special emergency arrangements in each of the past five years, with a breakdown, where available, of average cost per placement, and the primary cost drivers. — Peadar Tóibín. [30987/26]

*992. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children reported missing while in the care of Tusla in each of the past five years; and to provide a breakdown of the length of time each child was missing, and the number of incidents falling into duration categories of less than 24 hours, 1-7 days, 8-30 days, and more than 30 days. — Peadar Tóibín. [30988/26]

*993. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality of the children reported missing from Tusla care in the past five years, the number that were missing for a period exceeding one week in each year; and the steps taken by Tusla in such cases to locate and safeguard the child. — Peadar Tóibín. [30989/26]

*994. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in the care of Tusla that have been missing for a period of more than three months, six months, 9 months, and one year, and whose current whereabouts remain unknown, broken down by year for the past five years; and to outline the inter-agency actions taken in such cases.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [30990/26]

*995. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the oversight mechanisms in place to monitor the use of special emergency arrangements; and to ensure the welfare and safeguarding of children placed under such arrangements. — Peadar Tóibín. [31069/26]

*996. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who were living in Tusla care settings and who were arrested by An Garda Síochána, in each of the past five years, broken down by year and by type of care placement. — Peadar Tóibín. [31070/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*997. To ask the Minister for Health further to her announcement on 5 February 2026 of Government approval of a national electronic health record (EHR) system, the governance model

that will apply to the national EHR programme; whether it will be subject to enhanced oversight arrangements through her Department's Major Projects Advisory Group; the way accountability will be maintained across Departments and agencies involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30333/26]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children engaged with the primary health care facilities for disabilities who are in need for an appropriate school place. — Jen Cummins. [30983/26]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene to ensure that the HSE prioritises a conclusion to the skyclarys reimbursement negotiations (details supplied); and her views on whether the current delay aligns with the equitable access promised in the newly launched National Rare Disease Strategy 2025-2030. — Paul Donnelly. [29564/26]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to improve the timeliness of access to orphan drugs in Ireland, particularly in cases such as Friedreich's ataxia, where a treatment has been approved by the EMA but is not yet reimbursed by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [29565/26]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the baby alarm and monitor scheme is only available to residents of County Meath, funded by the local HSE, it also appears that similar arrangements exist in Cork and Kerry, but there is still no equivalent support available for deaf parents living in Dublin. — Paul Donnelly. [29583/26]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the planned national strategy on haemochromatosis. — Malcolm Byrne. [29623/26]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the funding available from her Department for an organisation (details supplied); if she will consider additional funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [29624/26]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of point-of-contacts for the relevant department that deals with the reimbursement of the wig grant for suppliers, per county. — Sorca Clarke. [29630/26]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health to assist with a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [29631/26]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language therapists, by grade posts filled at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda as of 15 April 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29638/26]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant registrar's, by speciality currently vacant at Louth County Hospital; the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29639/26]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title currently vacant in the ophthalmology department of the Mater Hospital; the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [29640/26]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the reason radiography student numbers increased in September 2025, with a further increase planned for September 2026, without any corresponding increase in the number of radiography practice tutors; the impact this has on training capacity and safety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29663/26]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that radiography students are currently placed in clinical sites without any dedicated radiography practice tutor in place; the steps she will take to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29664/26]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the Department ensures compliance with HSE governance principles and HIQA standards in radiography training environments, given reports that responsibility for student supervision is becoming diffuse and that dedicated radiography practice tutor roles are not being expanded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29665/26]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify whether there is a policy shift underway from the dedicated radiography practice tutor model to a broader practice educator model involving all radiographers; the rationale for such a shift; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29666/26]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for creating multiple new managerial posts in each region to oversee radiography placements while no additional radiography practice tutors have been appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29667/26]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department ensures that radiography students, staff, patients and the public are protected in accordance with radiation safety requirements when dedicated radiography practice tutor capacity is insufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29668/26]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which quality assurance, risk management and clear accountability are maintained in radiography training settings where tutor capacity is inadequate or responsibility is shared across multiple staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29669/26]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health if she has concerns over the ventilation system in the National Children's Hospital, Dublin; if her attention has been drawn to staff working for the State and for an organisation (details supplied) on the National Children's Hospital were previously working on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Glasgow, where work on the ventilation system was found to be defective; and her views on whether there is a conflict of interest. — Peadar Tóibín. [29672/26]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health if she has engaged with the Department of Education and Youth or other education stakeholders in relation to the need to have a more co-ordinated approach to medical emergencies in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [29676/26]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [29679/26]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons based at Galway University Hospital. — Louis O'Hara. [29682/26]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric physiotherapists posts filled at CHO2 primary care services as of 20 April 2026, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [29683/26]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE speech and language posts filled at CHO2 disability services as of 20 April 2026, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [29684/26]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior dental surgeons in special needs currently in CHO2 primary care services, in tabular form. — Louis O'Hara. [29685/26]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health to provide, the total expenditure at the mortuary services of the Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar for each of the past two years; the breakdown of that expenditure by category, including but not limited to staffing costs, agency staffing, equipment, maintenance, contracted services, and any capital or infrastructure-related spending, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [29701/26]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels at the mortuary services of the Midland Regional Hospital, Mullingar, including whole-time equivalent posts and vacancies, by role; to provide the same information for each of the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [29702/26]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the Community Care Record Programme, including its current status, original and revised timelines for delivery; the extent to which these timelines have been met to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29736/26]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the Community Care Record Programme aligns with or will be integrated into, the planned One Health Record system, including whether there is any duplication of investment, functionality, or infrastructure between the two initiatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29737/26]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure to date on the Community Care Record Programme; the projected final cost, and any anticipated additional costs arising from alignment or integration with the One Health Record; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29738/26]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an assessment of the clinical, operational and public benefits expected from the Community Care Record Programme, including measurable impacts on patient outcomes, care coordination and service efficiency within the timeframe preceding the one health record; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29739/26]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health the risks identified regarding the financial or clinical viability of continuing the Community Care Record Programme in parallel with the development of the One Health Record; whether consideration has been given to pausing or subsuming the programme within the broader One Health Record initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29740/26]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health if a cost-benefit analysis or independent review has been conducted comparing the standalone continuation of the Community Care Record Programme versus full investment into the One Health Record; if so, to provide the findings of such analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [29741/26]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health the oversight mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with cleaning and hygiene protocols at Mayo University Hospital; whether any audits or inspections relating to cleanliness have been carried out at the hospital during 2024 and 2025; if any deficiencies were identified; if she will provide details of any remedial actions taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29746/26]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health the cleaning and hygiene standards currently in place at Mayo University Hospital; the frequency with which wards, bathrooms, floors and patient surfaces are cleaned; whether these standards meet national infection prevention and control guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29748/26]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health the current visitor policy at Mayo University Hospital; the way in which visitor numbers and visiting times are enforced on wards where patients are medically vulnerable; whether any reviews have been undertaken following concerns about overcrowding and disturbance to patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29749/26]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health the infection prevention and control procedures in place at Mayo University Hospital when a confirmed case of Covid-19 is identified on a ward; whether all patients and staff are tested and appropriate isolation measures implemented in such circumstances; if she is satisfied that these procedures are being consistently followed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [29750/26]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [29765/26]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the reading of a scan (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29782/26]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who having been referred two years ago for an MRI at University Hospital Limerick as part of their treatment has yet to receive an MRI appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29786/26]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health the evidential basis underpinning the decision to cease or substantially reduce the use of third-party insourcing arrangements within the public health system by 30 June 2026; the specific reviews, analyses, or policy papers informing this decision; and if she will provide the dates and authors of such documents. — Ken O'Flynn. [29806/26]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted a formal impact assessment of the planned cessation or reduction of third-party insourcing on public patient waiting lists; if so, the projected effect on overall waiting list numbers and waiting times; and if she will provide the modelling assumptions used. — Ken O'Flynn. [29807/26]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health the additional in-house public system capacity, measured in theatre sessions, outpatient clinics, or equivalent activity, that is planned to replace activity

currently delivered through third-party insourcing; and the timelines for delivery of this capacity.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29808/26]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health her assessment of current waiting list trends, including total numbers and those waiting over 12 months, as reported by the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and how the planned reduction or cessation of insourcing aligns with the objective of reducing waiting lists. — Ken O'Flynn. [29809/26]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health the specific governance, procurement, or clinical concerns identified in relation to third-party insourcing arrangements which have informed the policy decision to reduce or cease such activity; and the steps taken to address those concerns short of ending insourcing. — Ken O'Flynn. [29810/26]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health whether a comparative cost-effectiveness analysis has been conducted between third-party insourcing, outsourcing via schemes such as the National Treatment Purchase Fund, and direct in-house provision; and if so, if she will provide a summary of findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [29811/26]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Health the contingency measures in place should waiting lists increase following the reduction or cessation of third-party insourcing; and whether provision exists to reintroduce such arrangements if required to protect patient access. — Ken O'Flynn. [29812/26]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of residential properties owned or managed by the Health Service Executive that are currently classified as vacant; the proportion of the overall residential estate this represents; and if she will provide a breakdown by Community Healthcare Organisation area. — Ken O'Flynn. [29845/26]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the Health Service Executive maintains a centralised dataset on the duration of vacancy for residential properties; if so, the average vacancy duration and the number of properties vacant for more than 12 months, more than 24 months, and more than five years. — Ken O'Flynn. [29846/26]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Health the policy framework governing the timeframe within which a property must be assessed as surplus following vacancy; and whether any maximum or target timelines apply at this stage. — Ken O'Flynn. [29847/26]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Health the average and median time taken, over the past five years, from a property becoming vacant to classification as surplus, offer to the Land Development Agency, circulation on the State Property Register, and final disposal. — Ken O'Flynn. [29848/26]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties offered by the Health Service Executive to the Land Development Agency in each of the past five years; the number accepted; and the number declined. — Ken O'Flynn. [29849/26]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant or surplus residential properties transferred to other State bodies through the State Property Register in each of the past five years; and the end use of such properties where known. — Ken O'Flynn. [29850/26]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Health Service Executive residential properties disposed of on the open market in each of the past five years; the total proceeds realised; and whether these disposals were benchmarked against independent market valuations. — Ken O'Flynn. [29851/26]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Health whether any performance indicators, targets, or value-for-money metrics are applied by her Department or the Health Service Executive in relation to the management and disposal of vacant residential properties; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29852/26]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Health the nature and format of quarterly reports received from the Health Service Executive regarding property disposal; whether these reports are standardised; and whether she will provide a sample template or summary structure of such reporting. — Ken O'Flynn. [29853/26]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to prioritising the reuse of vacant Health Service Executive residential properties for social or affordable housing purposes under Government policy, including Housing for All; and if so, the mechanisms in place to achieve this. — Ken O'Flynn. [29854/26]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health whether any non-statutory bodies, other than the Institute of Public Health, receive direct or indirect funding from her Department or agencies under its remit; and if so, to provide a list of such bodies and the funding amounts allocated in each of the past five years. — Ken O'Flynn. [29855/26]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual funding provided to the Institute of Public Health in each of the past five years; and the specific programmes or outputs this funding was intended to support. — Ken O'Flynn. [29856/26]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Oversight Agreement with the Institute of Public Health is subject to periodic review; if so, the frequency of such reviews; and whether any amendments have been made since its inception. — Ken O'Flynn. [29858/26]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health the specific enforcement mechanisms in place where a non-statutory body, including the Institute of Public Health, fails to comply with governance provisions set out in its Oversight Agreement; and whether any such breaches have been recorded. — Ken O'Flynn. [29859/26]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health whether independent audits have been conducted on the governance, financial controls, and performance of the Institute of Public Health in the past five years; and if so, to provide the dates and summary findings of such audits. — Ken O'Flynn. [29860/26]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health the role of her Department in the appointment, oversight, or removal of board members of the Institute of Public Health; and the extent to which Ministerial approval is required in such processes. — Ken O'Flynn. [29861/26]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Health whether a standardised governance framework exists for all non-statutory bodies in receipt of Exchequer funding across her Department and its agencies; and if not, whether there are plans to introduce a uniform minimum governance standard. — Ken O'Flynn. [29862/26]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health whether risk assessments are conducted in respect of providing public funding to non-statutory bodies operating across multiple jurisdictions; and if so, to outline the key risks identified and the mitigation measures in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [29863/26]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to placing governance requirements for non-statutory bodies receiving public funds on a statutory footing; and if so, to outline any proposals under development. — Ken O'Flynn. [29864/26]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused an application for respite care in St. Christophers, Longford; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [29866/26]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [29870/26]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients currently accessing State-funded pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) under the national programme; and the annual figures for new commencements in each year from 2019 to 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [29871/26]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health the number and geographic distribution of clinics contracted or authorised to provide PrEP services under the public system; and to provide this information by county. — Ken O'Flynn. [29872/26]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health which PrEP clinics are currently accepting new patient registrations; the number not accepting new patients; and the reasons for any suspension or restriction on new registrations. — Ken O'Flynn. [29873/26]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national waiting list, central referral pathway, or prioritisation framework exists for access to PrEP; and if not, the reason such a system has not been established. — Ken O'Flynn. [29874/26]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated unmet demand for PrEP services within the State; the methodology used to assess this demand; and any capacity planning undertaken to address identified shortfalls. — Ken O'Flynn. [29875/26]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time from referral to initiation of PrEP treatment, where applicable; and the longest recorded waiting time in the most recent year for which data is available. — Ken O'Flynn. [29876/26]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated annually to the PrEP programme since its establishment; the proportion of this funding utilised each year; and whether any underspend or capacity constraints have been identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [29877/26]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health the policy and clinical governance arrangements in place for individuals who are eligible for PrEP but are unable to access the public programme and instead source medication privately or online; and whether interim access or bridging mechanisms are provided. — Ken O'Flynn. [29878/26]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the Health Service Executive has conducted any review of service accessibility, regional disparities, or barriers to entry within

the PrEP programme since 2019; and to provide details of any findings and resulting actions. — Ken O'Flynn. [29879/26]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health the measures planned to expand capacity, ensure equitable geographic access, and guarantee timely entry into the PrEP programme; and the timeline for implementation of such measures. — Ken O'Flynn. [29880/26]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE has conducted any formal audit or validation exercise of counselling activity data reported under the Counselling in Primary Care and National Counselling Service programmes; if so, to provide the dates, scope, and findings of such audits. — Ken O'Flynn. [29883/26]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the "potential risk of human error" in partially manual data submission processes has been quantified; whether any error rates have been identified; and the corrective measures in place to mitigate such risks. — Ken O'Flynn. [29884/26]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health whether all HSE Regional Health Areas apply identical definitions and classification criteria when reporting counselling activity data; and whether any regional variance or inconsistency has been identified. — Ken O'Flynn. [29885/26]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health whether the data collected on new referrals, re-referrals, and counselling sessions is published in a disaggregated and comparable format across regions; and if not, whether there are plans to do so. — Ken O'Flynn. [29886/26]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department has assessed the reliability and decision-making suitability of counselling activity data currently reported through the Corporate Information Facility system. — Ken O'Flynn. [29887/26]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health whether any analysis has been carried out on the proportion of clients who re-refer to counselling services; the average number of re-referrals per client; and what this indicates regarding service effectiveness. — Ken O'Flynn. [29888/26]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health whether counselling activity data is linked to waiting list metrics, duration of care, or patient outcomes; and if not, whether there are plans to integrate such performance indicators. — Ken O'Flynn. [29889/26]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE National Business Information Unit conducts independent verification of data submitted by Regional Health Areas; and the frequency and methodology of such verification. — Ken O'Flynn. [29890/26]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered transitioning from partially manual reporting systems to fully automated, standardised digital reporting for counselling services; and if so, the timeline for implementation. — Ken O'Flynn. [29891/26]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Health the governance structures in place within her Department to oversee the accuracy, consistency, and policy usability of mental health counselling activity data reported by the HSE. — Ken O'Flynn. [29892/26]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Health whether she considers the current arrangements for compiling and reporting counselling activity statistics within the Health Service Executive to

constitute a sufficient national policy framework for ensuring consistency across health regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29898/26]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Health whether any formal national policy, circular, or directive has been issued by her Department governing the standardisation of definitions used in counselling activity statistics, including client numbers, episodes of care, and activity totals; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29899/26]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Health the role of her Department in approving, reviewing, or overseeing the key performance indicator metadata definitions used by the Health Service Executive in reporting counselling activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29900/26]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health whether any assessment has been undertaken by her Department to determine the extent of variation in how counselling activity data is interpreted and reported across different health regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29901/26]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted any audit or validation of counselling activity data submitted by health regions to ensure consistency, accuracy, and comparability at national level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29902/26]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health whether the National Business Information Unit operates under a formally approved governance framework setting out responsibilities for data standardisation, validation, and escalation of discrepancies in counselling activity reporting; and if she will provide details on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29903/26]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national guidance exists governing how counselling activity data should be interpreted for policy, planning, or funding decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29904/26]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has examined whether differences in data definitions or reporting practices across health regions may impact national waiting list data, service planning, or resource allocation in counselling services; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29905/26]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Health whether any plans are in place to introduce a formal national policy framework governing the compilation, validation, and reporting of counselling activity statistics across the Health Service Executive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29906/26]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanisms in place within her Department to ensure that national mental health service performance data, including counselling activity statistics, is based on consistent and standardised definitions across all health regions; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29907/26]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Health whether responsibility for defining and maintaining counselling activity metrics within the Health Service Executive rests at national or regional level; and if she will clarify the governance structure in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [29908/26]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Health whether any discrepancies or inconsistencies in counselling activity reporting across health regions have been identified by her Department or the Health Service Executive in the past five years; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29909/26]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Health whether formal procedures exist for resolving disputes or inconsistencies in how counselling activity data is recorded or classified across health regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29910/26]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Health whether the corporate information facility templates used for counselling activity reporting are subject to periodic review and approval at Department level; and if she will provide details of such reviews. — Ken O'Flynn. [29911/26]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has issued any guidance on the minimum data standards required for counselling services to ensure national comparability and transparency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29912/26]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Health whether counselling activity data reported by the Health Service Executive is independently verified or subject to external audit; and if she will provide details of any such processes. — Ken O'Flynn. [29913/26]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Health whether any evaluation has been undertaken to assess whether current data reporting arrangements adequately support evidence-based policymaking in mental health counselling services; and if she will provide details of same. — Ken O'Flynn. [29914/26]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Health whether the absence of a formal national policy governing counselling activity statistics has been identified as a governance risk within her Department or the Health Service Executive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29915/26]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department intends to align counselling activity reporting standards with broader national health data governance frameworks; and if so, to provide a timeline for such alignment. — Ken O'Flynn. [29916/26]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Health whether any international benchmarking has been undertaken in relation to the governance and standardisation of counselling activity data; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29917/26]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national-level audit, verification, or quality assurance process is conducted by or on behalf of her Department or the Health Service Executive in respect of counselling activity data submitted by health regions; and if so, to provide details of the scope, frequency, and findings of such processes. — Ken O'Flynn. [29918/26]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health whether any independent or internal audit of counselling activity data systems has been conducted since 2020; and if so, to provide the dates, scope, and outcomes of each such audit. — Ken O'Flynn. [29919/26]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health which unit, division, or office holds ultimate responsibility for assuring the accuracy, consistency, and completeness of national counselling activity data. — Ken O'Flynn. [29920/26]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health the systems or controls in place at national level to identify, flag, and correct discrepancies or anomalies in counselling activity data submitted by Health Regions. — Ken O'Flynn. [29921/26]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Health Service Executive maintains any metric, estimate, or benchmark regarding the rate of error or data inconsistency in counselling activity reporting; and if so, to provide such data. — Ken O'Flynn. [29922/26]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Comptroller and Auditor General, internal audit, or any external body has examined or reviewed the systems used to collect and verify counselling activity data; and if so, to provide details.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [29923/26]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Health whether standardised national protocols exist governing the validation and verification of counselling activity data prior to submission to the National Business Information Unit; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29924/26]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Health the steps been taken to mitigate the risk of human error arising from the manual processes involved in counselling activity data collection and submission. — Ken O'Flynn. [29925/26]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Health whether any cross-regional comparative analysis or reconciliation is conducted to ensure consistency in how counselling activity data is recorded and reported across Health Regions. — Ken O'Flynn. [29926/26]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Health whether counselling activity data submitted to the National Business Information Unit is used to inform national policy, funding allocations, or service planning; and if so, the assurance mechanisms that are in place to ensure the reliability of such data. — Ken O'Flynn. [29927/26]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department collects or requires reporting on the number of unique individuals receiving counselling services under the National Counselling Service, as distinct from the total number of counselling sessions reported. — Ken O'Flynn. [29928/26]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that reporting counselling activity on the basis of total sessions, rather than unique patients, provides an accurate basis for service planning and policy development. — Ken O'Flynn. [29929/26]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted any analysis comparing total counselling sessions delivered with the number of individual service users; and if so, to provide the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [29930/26]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Health whether the current KPI framework for counselling services includes any requirement to report average number of sessions per client; and if not, whether this will be introduced. — Ken O'Flynn. [29931/26]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Health whether any independent audit or external validation has been carried out on National Counselling Service activity data in the past five years; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29933/26]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which manual data handling processes are involved in the compilation of counselling service statistics; and whether her Department has assessed the associated risk of data error or inconsistency. — Ken O'Flynn. [29934/26]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has issued any formal guidance or standards governing how counselling activity data should be recorded, validated, and reported across Health Regions. — Ken O'Flynn. [29935/26]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Health whether counselling activity data is used to inform budget allocations or resource decisions; and if so, whether the absence of patient-level reporting has been assessed as a limitation. — Ken O'Flynn. [29936/26]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will commit to introducing a standardised national reporting framework that includes both session-level activity and unique patient-level metrics for counselling services. — Ken O'Flynn. [29937/26]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department maintains any central dataset capturing the total number of individuals accessing State-funded counselling services annually, and if not, the reason for same. — Ken O'Flynn. [29938/26]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Health whether any international benchmarks or best practice standards have been considered in the design of Ireland's counselling service reporting framework. — Ken O'Flynn. [29939/26]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Health whether she considers the current reporting model sufficient to assess waiting list pressures and unmet demand within counselling services. — Ken O'Flynn. [29940/26]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed whether multiple attendances by the same individual within a reporting period may distort national activity figures, and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29941/26]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Health whether any reforms are planned to align counselling service reporting with outcome-based or patient-centred metrics, rather than activity-based metrics alone. — Ken O'Flynn. [29942/26]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Health whether the National Business Information Unit or any other body conducts consistency checks or reconciliations across regional submissions for counselling data. — Ken O'Flynn. [29943/26]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Health whether any discrepancies or anomalies in counselling activity reporting have been identified in the past three years, and how these were addressed. — Ken O'Flynn. [29944/26]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will provide a breakdown of counselling activity by new versus returning clients, if such data is available. — Ken O'Flynn. [29945/26]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered publishing transparent public reports distinguishing between total sessions delivered and total individuals treated. — Ken O'Flynn. [29946/26]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will commit to a review of data governance arrangements underpinning mental health service reporting, including counselling services. — Ken O'Flynn. [29947/26]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department maintains or has access to a single, centralised national dataset capturing total counselling activity across all Health Service Executive regions; and if not, the reason for same. — Ken O'Flynn. [29948/26]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Health whether uniform national definitions are applied across all Health Service Executive regions in the recording of counselling activity, including definitions of referral, assessment, attendance, and discharge; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29949/26]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the extent to which counselling activity data reported by individual Health Service Executive regions is directly comparable on a like-for-like basis; and if so, the findings of that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [29950/26]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national-level validation, reconciliation, or consistency checks are applied to counselling activity data submitted by Health Service Executive regions; and if she will outline the mechanisms in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [29951/26]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Health whether counselling activity data collected by the Health Service Executive is subject to periodic internal audit or independent external audit; and if so, the frequency, scope, and most recent findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [29952/26]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the risk that multiple attendances by the same individual within a reporting period may lead to inflated activity figures in counselling service reporting; and if so, the outcome of that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [29953/26]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national reporting framework for counselling services includes outcome-based or patient-centred metrics, in addition to activity-based measures; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29954/26]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has established any formal governance framework to ensure consistency, accuracy, and completeness of counselling service data across Health Service Executive regions; and if she will outline same. — Ken O'Flynn. [29955/26]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Health whether any timelines, milestones, or implementation targets have been set under the Digital for Care 2030 framework in relation to the development of standardised national reporting for counselling services; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [29956/26]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted any gap analysis between current counselling service reporting practices and international best practice standards for health service data reporting; and if so, the findings and any actions arising. — Ken O'Flynn. [29957/26]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the number of DTOCs within acute hospitals, from 1 January 2026 to date, that fall into the categories of requiring a neuro-rehab placement, a dementia placement, step down care, homecare package, nursing home place, or other. — Marie Sherlock. [29961/26]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the longest wait time for transfer of care for each level 3 and level 4 hospital in 2025. — Marie Sherlock. [29962/26]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the average days' wait for delayed transfer of care across each level 3 and level 4 hospital. — Marie Sherlock. [29963/26]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Health if she will as a matter of priority make available the necessary funding to provide the additional health and social care professionals required to fully staff the new multidisciplinary FND clinic at Saint James's Hospital, as well as the provision of paediatric FND services in the new National Children's Hospital, given the increasing diagnosis of FND among teenagers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [29966/26]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 946 of 12 November 2025, if she will provide an update on the further implementation of the report. — Ivana Bacik. [29967/26]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied) at University Hospital Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [29985/26]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be considered for respite care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30009/26]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant obstetricians posts filled at St. Luke's Hospital Kilkenny as of 31 March 2026, in tabular form. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30011/26]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of holter monitors and cardiac event monitors available at University Hospital Waterford; the number of patients awaiting the use of a holter monitor and cardiac event monitor; and the average wait time to access these monitors at UHW. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30012/26]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year costs to recruit three additional chief audiologists and three additional audiological scientists for public health services. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30013/26]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Health if a special chair could be recommended from the HSE for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30026/26]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 4 March 2026, for an update on the outcome of the HSE mid-wests engagements with the national clinical lead for SATUs regarding the establishment of a mid-west SATU; the future engagements that are planned with the national clinical lead regarding same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30034/26]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 448 of 26 March 2026, the stakeholders that have been consulted regarding the establishment of a SATU in the mid-west region to date; the stakeholders the HSE mid-west plan to consult/engage regarding the establishment of a mid-west SATU; the further consultations/engagements that are planned regarding the establishment of a mid-west SATU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30035/26]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 448 of 26 March 2026, the timeframe for the establishment of a mid-west SATU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30036/26]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 448 of 26 March 2026, if the HSE has yet assessed/determined potential locations for a mid-west SATU; if not, whether Nenagh primary care centre will be included for consideration, particularly given its central location within the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30037/26]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure her Department and the HSE prioritise the establishment of a SATU in the HSE mid-west region, particularly given the HSE's acknowledgment that the current FME service in HSE "is not in a position to provide the same level of service to survivors of sexual violence as a SATU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30038/26]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a model of care for PCOS; if she will provide for a structured scheme for women to access diagnosis, care and treatment for this condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30050/26]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered allowing for the national screening service to accommodate women under the age of 25 years for cervical screening where there are concerns regarding potential gynaecological conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30051/26]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cervical screening tests conducted in 2023, 2024, and 2025, by public and private domestic and overseas laboratories, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [30052/26]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Health when the mileage allowance was last increased for HSE staff; and if there are plans to increase this allowance in the future. — Shay Brennan. [30054/26]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Health the policy position regarding the treatment of adults with ADHD in north Dublin currently under the care of the HSE via the mental health service teams, where the ADHD clinical teams have not yet been stood up. — Louise O'Reilly. [30130/26]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of forensic medical examinations carried out by UHL's forensic medical examination service each year since its establishment, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30158/26]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that attended each SATU per year since their individual establishments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30159/26]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Health with regards to SATU services, if the HSE monitors where individuals attending services are travelling from addresses provided; if so, to provide a breakdown, per SATU location, of the number of individuals attending services that provided Clare, Limerick and Tipperary addresses per year, for the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30160/26]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE monitors the number of individuals referred to Cork, or other SATUs, if relevant, for follow-up supports and services after attending the FME service in UHL; if so, to provide a breakdown of same for the past 10 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30161/26]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated to UHL's forensic medical examination service, each year for the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30162/26]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing arrangements in place for UHL's forensic medical examination service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [30163/26]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Health the reason primary medical cert assessments (PMC's) are paused in County Meath; the length of time they have been paused; the number of persons currently on the list to be assessed; the average wait time in County Meath for PMC; the number of PMC's around Ireland that are currently paused; the average wait time for PMC in Ireland; the number of persons on the list for PMC in Ireland; the number of PMC's that were issued in Ireland, by month for each of the past five years; the number of assessment applications that were received in 2025 and the number of actual assessments that took place, for each county, each month, for the past two years. — Peadar Tóibín. [30165/26]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1727 of 18 March 2026, when a response will issue to the question (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [30167/26]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in providing a rehabilitation bed at St. Mary's Mullingar for a person (details supplied); if she is aware that the person was recently transferred to the hospital only to be informed a bed was unavailable; the steps she will take to ensure an immediate transfer to the specialist rehabilitation unit in Mullingar to prevent further physical deterioration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [30178/26]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has carried out any formal governance, compliance, or performance reviews of the Institute of Public Health in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; and to provide the number of such reviews conducted in each year. — Ken O'Flynn. [30185/26]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Health whether any structured audit or review schedule exists within her Department in respect of non-statutory bodies receiving direct Exchequer funding; and if so, to outline the frequency, scope, and methodology of such reviews. — Ken O'Flynn. [30186/26]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department relies solely on statutory financial audits conducted under the Companies Act 2014 to discharge its oversight

responsibilities in respect of the Institute of Public Health; and if not, to specify any additional governance or performance oversight mechanisms in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [30187/26]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Health whether any performance evaluation, value-for-money assessment, or outcome-based review of the Institute of Public Health has been conducted by or on behalf of her Department since 2020; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [30189/26]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has defined key performance indicators, reporting requirements, or measurable outputs for the Institute of Public Health as a condition of funding; and if so, to outline these arrangements. — Ken O'Flynn. [30190/26]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit, external review, or independent evaluation has been carried out in respect of the Department's own oversight arrangements for non-statutory bodies receiving direct funding since 2020; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [30191/26]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Health whether any risk assessments have been undertaken by her Department in relation to governance, financial oversight, or accountability risks associated with the Institute of Public Health in the past three years; and if so, to outline the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [30192/26]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the criteria used by her Department to determine what constitutes a "non-statutory body receiving direct funding", and whether any bodies receiving funding through intermediary mechanisms, service agreements, or programme allocations are excluded from this classification. — Ken O'Flynn. [30193/26]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that the current oversight arrangements in place for the Institute of Public Health meet the standards expected under the Public Spending Code and wider public financial management guidelines; and if so, the basis for that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [30194/26]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene to ensure that the Health Service Executive urgently prioritises the conclusion of reimbursement negotiations for skyclarys for the treatment of Friedreich's ataxia, given that it is currently the only available treatment for this progressive and life-limiting rare disease and that Friedreich's ataxia may be considered as having an "unmet need" under the National Rare Disease Strategy 2025–2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [30201/26]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the ongoing delay in concluding reimbursement negotiations for skyclarys for patients with Friedreich's ataxia is consistent with the commitment to "equitable access" set out in the recently launched National Rare Disease Strategy 2025–2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Daly. [30202/26]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal dispatch-time performance targets, whether formal or informal, are applied within the National Ambulance Service for the allocation of 999 calls; and to provide details of same. — Ken O'Flynn. [30204/26]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Health whether any such dispatch-time performance metrics are documented within the HSE Enterprise Risk Register or any associated risk management framework; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [30205/26]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal or external audits, reviews, or evaluations have examined ambulance dispatch timelines or allocation practices since 2020; and to provide the dates and headline findings of such reviews. — Ken O'Flynn. [30206/26]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has issued any policy direction, guidance, or oversight framework governing ambulance dispatch prioritisation and allocation decisions; and to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [30207/26]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that the current ambulance dispatch framework adequately balances response speed with geographic efficiency and regional capacity constraints; and whether any formal assessment of this balance has been conducted. — Ken O'Flynn. [30208/26]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national or regional performance benchmarks exist for ambulance call allocation times, and if so, how compliance with such benchmarks is monitored and reported. — Ken O'Flynn. [30209/26]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Health whether any standardised methodology is used across regions to ensure consistency in dispatch decision-making within the National Ambulance Service. — Ken O'Flynn. [30210/26]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Health whether any central dataset is maintained capturing dispatch times from call receipt to resource allocation, and whether such data is reported to her Department. — Ken O'Flynn. [30211/26]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Health whether any discrepancies or regional variations in ambulance dispatch times have been identified in the past three years; and how such variations have been addressed. — Ken O'Flynn. [30212/26]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Health whether the current dispatch framework has been subject to any international benchmarking or comparison with equivalent emergency medical services systems; and to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [30213/26]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE or her Department maintains any oversight mechanism to assess the impact of dispatch timelines on patient outcomes; and to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [30214/26]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Health whether any formal risk assessments have been conducted regarding delays in ambulance allocation or dispatch; and whether such risks are recorded within the HSE risk management system. — Ken O'Flynn. [30215/26]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Health whether ambulance dispatch performance forms part of any key performance indicator framework monitored by her Department; and to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [30216/26]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Health whether any reporting framework exists for extreme delays in ambulance allocation, including delays exceeding defined time thresholds; and to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [30217/26]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Health whether any reforms are planned to enhance transparency or reporting of ambulance dispatch performance metrics. — Ken O'Flynn. [30218/26]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal governance structures exist within the National Ambulance Service to review dispatch decision-making practices on a recurring basis. — Ken O'Flynn. [30219/26]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Health whether any independent oversight body, including the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council, has conducted a review of dispatch practices or standards in Ireland since 2020. — Ken O'Flynn. [30220/26]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Health whether the absence of a defined national dispatch-time standard has been formally considered as a governance or operational risk. — Ken O'Flynn. [30221/26]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Health whether any modelling or capacity analysis has been conducted to assess the relationship between ambulance availability, dispatch timelines, and regional demand pressures. — Ken O'Flynn. [30222/26]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Health whether any plans are in place to introduce a nationally standardised dispatch performance framework, including measurable allocation time targets. — Ken O'Flynn. [30223/26]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which adequate on-site laundering facilities are available to National Ambulance Service staff; her views on whether limited access to shared facilities in some cases involving a single washing machine for large numbers of staff across day and night shifts results in paramedics being forced to launder uniforms at home at their own expense; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30230/26]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant gynaecologists that are employed by the HSE and/or are on the Irish Medical Council's specialist register for obstetrics and gynaecology; their locations throughout Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [30253/26]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait times for patients, across all counties, to get an initial endometriosis appointment with a consultant gynaecologist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [30254/26]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to reduce long waiting lists for endometriosis patients to see a consultant gynaecologist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [30255/26]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists posts filled within Galway Mental Health Services as of 21 April 2026 and of 30 April 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [30258/26]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dental nurses and dental hygienists posts filled within Galway primary care services as of 21 April 2026; the number of vacancies within Galway dental services, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [30259/26]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of her Department;

the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30270/26]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE emergency medicine registrars and advanced nurse practitioners posts filled within minor injuries clinics at Roscommon University Hospital as of 21 April 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [30288/26]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that attended the minor injuries clinic at Roscommon University Hospital for each month of 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [30289/26]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider establishing an emergency medical card system through a temporary 6-12 month emergency medical card, issued upon entry to a refuge for women and children who are forced to enter domestic violence refuges (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [30309/26]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider extending the medical card scheme to cover ADHD assessments for adults given the cost of such assessments can be a barrier for adults; if she will ensure that adults with ADHD are diagnosed correctly and therefore not prevented from accessing supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30322/26]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists, by grade posts, filled within Laois older persons services as of 17 April 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30328/26]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the nature of refurbishment works that were carried out at Portlaoise Regional Hospital in the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30334/26]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical nurse managers posts filled in the emergency department of Mercy University Hospital on 1 April 2024, 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30335/26]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE emergency medicine registrars posts filled at the emergency Department of Mercy University Hospital on 1 April 2024, 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30336/26]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Health when a child will receive a psychology services appointment; the current waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30366/26]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) waited three hours and ten minutes for an ambulance after it was requested by SouthDoc in Bantry on the night of 14 April 2026; whether this response time complies with HSE and National Ambulance Service targets for potentially life threatening respiratory emergencies; the measures she is taking to ensure that patients in rural areas are not placed at serious risk due to excessive ambulance waiting times.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30372/26]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a consultant in Cork University Hospital, a level one tertiary hospital, was unable to make an urgent or emergency referral to the ENT department in the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital (details supplied); whether it is policy that the South Infirmary does not accept consultant to consultant referrals from other hospitals; the steps being taken to establish a clear and safe emergency referral pathway to designated centres of excellence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30373/26]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons waiting times to be seen by the ENT department at the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital have exceeded 18 months for non urgent patients; the number of patients currently on the ENT waiting list at that hospital; the number that have been waiting longer than 12 and 18 months respectively; and the actions being taken to reduce these waiting times, particularly for young adults whose education and quality of life are being significantly affected by repeated infections and reliance on long term antibiotics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30374/26]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether repeated reliance on antibiotics, prolonged ENT waiting lists and the absence of clear emergency referral pathways represent a failure of joined up care within the public health system; if she will provide a timeline for reform to ensure patient safety is prioritised over administrative barriers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [30375/26]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Health if she will request the HSE to engage with a HIQA registered respite service (details supplied) with a view to establishing a service agreement to enable this ready-to-open service to become operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [30388/26]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Health if staff of a Section 39 organisation (details supplied) are eligible for a pay increase for the years 2024-2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [30393/26]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 368 of 11 February 2026, the status of the tobacco-free Ireland policy review; the current timeline for completion of this review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [30395/26]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Health the number of instances where ambulances in Carlow and Kilkenny did not arrive within the targeted timeframe in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and the longest period that a person waited. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30397/26]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on plans to increase the number of general practitioners in Carlow and Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30398/26]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to increase the number of healthcare professionals in Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30399/26]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to increase the number of healthcare professionals in Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30400/26]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultants in infectious diseases based at St. James's Hospital as of 20 April 2026, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30435/26]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE public health nurses based in CHO7 as of 17 April 2026; if she will provide the same figures as of 1 May 2023, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30436/26]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE staff, by job title currently working at the pharmacy department of CHI Temple Street. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30437/26]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Health the main policy achievements of her Department since 22 January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30480/26]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [30550/26]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the limited consultant neurology outreach available in St. Lukes Hospital, Kilkenny; if she will commit funding to increase this in line with the 2016 Model of Care for Neurology Services in Ireland and the current Programme for Government. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [30557/26]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) in their latest report around consultant neurology outreach available in the Midlands Regional Hospital Mullingar; and if she will commit funding to increase this in line with the 2016 Model of Care for Neurology Services in Ireland and the current Programme for Government. — Robert Troy. [30560/26]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) in their latest report around the lack of consultant neurology services available in Tipperary University Hospital; and if she will commit funding to increase this in line with the 2016 Model of Care for Neurology Services in Ireland and the current Programme for Government. — Ryan O'Meara. [30561/26]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the limited consultant neurology outreach available in Cavan General Hospital; and if she will commit funding to increase this in line with the 2016 Model of Care for Neurology Services in Ireland and the current Programme for Government. — Brendan Smith. [30562/26]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the limited consultant neurology outreach available in Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore; and if she will commit funding to increase this in line with the 2016 Model of Care for Neurology Services in Ireland and the current Programme for Government. — Tony McCormack. [30563/26]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) around the limited consultant neurology outreach available in Naas General Hospital; and if she will commit funding to increase this in line with the 2016 Model of Care for

Neurology Services in Ireland and the current Programme for Government. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [30564/26]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Health is she will make the shingles vaccine available for free for persons with underlying health issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [30580/26]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the current policy of her private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if she will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30600/26]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of her ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by her office to all local Oireachtas members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30618/26]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated date of publication for the third phase of the Women's Health Action Plan. — Sorca Clarke. [30639/26]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the approved number and category of ophthalmology posts in Clonmel, County Tipperary; the number of these posts filled; the number of vacancies; the stage of recruitment each of these vacancies is at; when the consultant ophthalmology service at Clonmel will resume, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [30648/26]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Health with reference to the EU Cross-Border Healthcare Directive, to provide a written copy of the HSE Telemedicine Guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30651/26]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE recognises that the "competency" for provision of healthcare, lies with the treating member State (details supplied) under the EU Cross-Border Healthcare Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30652/26]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE requirement for a face-to-face consultation prior to in-patient care under the EU Cross Border Healthcare Directive in order for patients to obtain reimbursement when the clinician in the treating member State does not deem it to be justified, is compatible with the referenced SI. (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30653/26]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the planned new Xray service to be opened in Balbriggan primary care centre, which was announced in January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [30668/26]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the national HIV Action Plan; when her Department expects to publish or update the next phase of this plan; the specific measures being taken to improve access to testing, treatment and prevention services, including PrEP, particularly for high-risk and underserved populations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [30671/26]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether current sexual health services are sufficient to meet the needs of those at risk of HIV transmission; if she will outline plans to expand HIV prevention, testing and treatment services in light of recent new diagnoses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [30672/26]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Health if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of her Department building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30699/26]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30717/26]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30737/26]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30754/26]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30775/26]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Health the number of midwifery-led clinics operational in Cork currently; the WTE clinic staffing levels and hours, provided for each clinic, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [30784/26]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pulmonary function laboratories nationwide; the number of laboratories with vacancies for respiratory physiologists, per laboratory, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [30785/26]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget allocation for Mercy University Hospital in the years of 2024, 2025 and 2026, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [30786/26]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Health the number of births that occurred in the Cork University Maternity Hospital for each month of 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form. — Pat Buckley. [30787/26]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Health the total allocation of funding to each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30797/26]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under her Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30815/26]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by her Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30845/26]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to the National Women's Council's research report on the free contraception scheme (details supplied); if she intends to implement its recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [30868/26]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Health the status of her Department's work to develop a new Women's Health Action Plan; if a new action plan will be published in 2026; the timeline she is working towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [30869/26]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) needs to apply for the treatment abroad scheme; if consideration will be given to the introduction of multi-annual or long-term approvals for patients with this rare condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30880/26]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene to ensure that an urgent care plan is provided for a person (details supplied) who has been assessed for urgent dental treatment which is not available through Wexford primary care centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [30883/26]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the health and support services committed to on 10 November 2025 for the four Magdalene survivors who undertook a hunger strike; whether all of the agreed services have now been put in place; if not, the elements which remain outstanding; the reasons for any delay; and when she expects the full package of supports to be delivered. — Albert Dolan. [30884/26]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a clear timeline for the introduction and delivery of the new health card promised to Magdalene survivors; the specific healthcare services and entitlements to be attached to the card; when survivors can expect to receive it; and the steps being taken to ensure that delays do not continue to impact access to necessary healthcare supports. — Albert Dolan. [30885/26]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 129 of 21 April 2026, if she will make available the HPRA policy paper provided to her Department on the options that could be considered when it comes to cosmetic and derma fillers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30896/26]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Health the reason imvaggis is not covered by the free HRT scheme; if consideration can be given to its inclusion in the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [30897/26]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify matters of interpretation regarding the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024 and Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [30900/26]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has identified which of the medicines currently in shortage across the European Union may pose a risk of shortage in Ireland; the measures in place to ensure continuity of supply and minimise patient impact; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [30904/26]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to include rheumatoid arthritis on the long-term illness scheme list; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30913/26]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the NCPE appraisal of ritlecitinib (litfulo) for severe alopecia areata, including current stage, any ongoing HSE pricing and reimbursement engagement with the applicant, expected timelines for a decision, and proposed prescribing setting if approved (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30914/26]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Health if an application has been received by the HSE for pricing and reimbursement of baricitinib for the alopecia areata indication; if not, whether the HSE or her Department has engaged with the marketing authorisation holder regarding a submission (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30915/26]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department, the HSE or the HPRA has engaged with the manufacturer of deuruxolitinib (leqselvi) regarding plans for EU submission and availability in Ireland; whether any named-patient or compassionate access requests have been received (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30916/26]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline whether JAK inhibitor treatments for severe alopecia areata, where reimbursed, will be provided via the High Tech Arrangement; the intended initiation and monitoring setting; the proposed stop rules; the estimated annual budget impact and eligible patient numbers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30917/26]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients treated for alopecia areata with JAK inhibitors in public hospitals in each of the past three years, by CHO and by medicine, including any named-patient access, and associated monitoring protocols; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30918/26]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Health if she will publish a national clinical pathway for alopecia areata within the HSE Model of Care for Dermatology, covering diagnostic criteria, severity thresholds (for example, SALT scoring), first- and second-line options (including intralesional steroids, topical immunotherapy and JAK inhibitors), vaccination guidance, monitoring schedules and stop rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30919/26]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public dermatology centres providing topical immunotherapy (for example DPCP or SADBE) for extensive alopecia areata; the number treated in each of the past three years; the average waiting times; and whether capacity expansion is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30920/26]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the availability of intralesional corticosteroid clinics for patchy alopecia areata, by hospital group; the average wait time from referral; and any actions to standardise access nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30921/26]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will establish a national registry to capture outcomes for alopecia areata (for example, SALT 20 at week 24, durability, relapse), adverse

events and service activity; the proposed data controller and governance; and the expected start date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30922/26]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Health if she will issue guidance on vaccination including the shingles vaccination and infection-risk mitigation for patients commencing JAK inhibitors for alopecia areata, including funding and delivery arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [30923/26]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1677 of 18 March 2026, the progress to date in finalising a strategy; when same will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [30940/26]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1990 of 18 March 2026, if she will request a comprehensive report from the HSE, TUSLA and the Gardaí relative to the current urgent care needs of the person, as the response to the PQ is inadequate and does not address the dire circumstances faced by the family on a daily basis; if she will provide a name and contact details for service management referenced by the HSE in their reply so the parents can liaise as suggested; if a place in an ASD unit will be provided; if the full range of services will be made available based on their diagnosis of Autism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [30943/26]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2231 of 18 March 2026, given that the HSE has not provided a reply, when a response will issue in relation to the matter. — Robert Troy. [30946/26]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); to provide an update on the place requested by the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [30959/26]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is aware that the taxation of near-neighbour community payments arising from onshore wind farm developments affects eligibility for the means tested medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [31559/26]

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

*1293. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he and his Department are aware of the work and early outcomes of the Advanced Research and Invention Agency in the United Kingdom; whether consideration has been given to establishing a similar high-risk, high-reward research funding body in Ireland; and if he will outline any plans to develop comparable structures to support breakthrough innovation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29591/26]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a detailed update in relation to any communications or engagements he or his Department officials have had in relation to the use of Mount Melleray as an educational campus (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [29622/26]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he visited University of Sydney during his visit to Australia for the recent St. Patricks Day. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [30010/26]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding streams available for institutions to implement universal design for learning; the amount of funding that was provided in the past five years; what that funding was spent on. — Jen Cummins. [30109/26]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30269/26]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the comprehensive and disaggregated breakdown of the National Training Fund (NTF) expenditure for the 2025 fiscal year and planned allocations for 2026 across the specific categories of Higher Education, Further Education and Training (FET), apprenticeships, Skillnet Ireland, and other workplace training distinct from the aforementioned categories; the specific intended capital expenditure to be funded by the NTF levy for the years 2025 and 2026 respectively; and the details of any major infrastructural projects or equipment grants sanctioned under the National Training Fund (Amendment) Act 2025. — Pearse Doherty. [30295/26]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific proportion of the €1.5 billion National Training Fund surplus package which will be used to support businesses and particularly SMEs to participate in upskilling and reskilling staff in areas such as AI, the programmes funded by the NTF supporting workforce upskilling, future plans to support workforce development in AI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [30296/26]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average time it took from phase 1 to completion for each apprenticeship, by trade, in County Kildare in 2025, in tabular form. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30441/26]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30479/26]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to reduce the third level contribution fees over the next number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30546/26]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will increase the SUSI grant given current levels do not fully reflect the rising cost of living for students and families. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [30547/26]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course

of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30599/26]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30617/26]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific budgetary allocation from the National Training Fund (NTF) surplus under the National Training Fund (Amendment) Act 2025, earmarked for capital expenditure on buildings, laboratory and equipment upgrades versus direct investment in work-based training, upskilling and reskilling; the projected expenditure for the 2026–2030 period specifically aimed at mitigating workforce exposure to the structural challenges of digitalisation, demographics and decarbonisation; the metrics utilised to ensure the balance of investment supports human capital development alongside physical infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [30654/26]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific proportion of the €1.5 billion National Training Fund surplus package which will be used to support businesses and particularly SMEs to participate in upskilling and reskilling staff in areas such as AI; the programmes funded by the NTF supporting workforce upskilling; future plans to support workforce development in AI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [30655/26]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30698/26]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30716/26]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30736/26]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30753/26]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30774/26]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down

by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30796/26]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30814/26]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30844/26]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if student fees will be covered or reduced for medical students going into practice upon completion of their undergraduate degrees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [30936/26]

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

*1317. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the status of the Athenry Public Realm Enhancement Project; the level of engagement his Department has had with Galway County Council in relation to the progression of the project to delivery stage; the funding streams available to support its advancement; and the actions he will take to ensure that the project is progressed and prioritised at the earliest possible opportunity. — Albert Dolan. [29984/26]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide details on all open EU infringement proceedings where the subject of the infringement relates to the functions of his Department; the reason the infringement proceedings were initiated; the procedural stage of the infringement proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30274/26]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the estimated time to carry out the relevant stages when developing a town centre first plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30383/26]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the main policy achievements of his Department since 22 January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [30484/26]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if it is the current policy of his private office/Department to formally invite or notify all local Oireachtas members of constituency events at which Ministers are in attendance in the course of performing their ministerial duties and functions; if he will provide the Department's current policy or protocol on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30604/26]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of all events across every constituency attended by the Minister in the course of his ministerial duties since 1 January 2026, where formal invitations/notifications to attend were

not issued by his office to all local Oireachtas members; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30622/26]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if there are solar panels in place on the rooftop or within the grounds of his Department building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30703/26]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department has a solar panel policy in place in relation to the installation of solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30721/26]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30758/26]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his views on the merits of installing solar panels on all buildings operated and owned by agencies under the control of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30779/26]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total allocation of funding to each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each agency, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30801/26]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total spend on consultancy firms by each State agency under his Department's remit, broken down by the allocation to each named consultancy firm, for each of the past 15 years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [30819/26]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the position regarding any buildings operated and owned by his Department that have solar panels in place to support the energy demands of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [30849/26]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if there are any financial supports/grants for summer camps through Gaeilge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [30939/26]

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