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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*1. To ask the Taoiseach if he or his Department have made any requests to the office of the Independent Examiner of Security Legislation to produce reports on any subject matter. — Carol Nolan. [31618/26]

*2. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of people under 30 years-of-age who are currently unemployed; and the estimated percentage unemployment rate among this age cohort. — Carol Nolan. [32225/26]

*3. To ask the Taoiseach the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32296/26]

*4. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which the Central Statistics Office publishes or holds crime data at sub divisional or neighbourhood level, including for areas such as Donnyrne; whether there are any plans to expand the geographic granularity of publicly available crime statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32963/26]

*5. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts. — John Brady. [33389/26]

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

*6. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will engage with the Polish Prime Minister regarding a case (details supplied). — Seán Ó Fearghail. [33399/26]

*7. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether passport applicants who hold a gender recognition certificate issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2015 and which records a new name aligned with their preferred gender are also required to provide two-years proof of use of this new name when applying for a passport and specifically whether this requirement applies to first-time applicants resident in the State, renewal applicants resident in the State and applicants resident in Northern Ireland or overseas (both renewal and first-time applicants). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31839/26]

*8. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if proof of usage is required to apply a name change to passports, given that section 11(2a)(b) of the passports act 2008, as amended by section 38 of the gender recognition act 2015, provides that where an applicant produces a gender recognition certificate they may issue a passport in the new name and gender and does

not reference any additional requirement; and whether the proof of name use requirement is consistent with the purpose and effect of that provision. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31841/26]

*9. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade given that marriage and civil partnership legal certificates are sufficient proof for change of name without proof of two-year usage requirement for passport purposes; and the reason is there a different practice in respect of gender recognition certificate holders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31843/26]

*10. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether first-time passport applicants who hold a gender recognition certificate and whose birth was registered outside the State are required to produce an original civil birth certificate as re-issued after gender recognition reflecting their new name and gender, in circumstances where many countries do not provide an accessible legal gender recognition procedure; and if so, the legal basis for that requirement. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31845/26]

*11. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department will publish the internal written guidelines for processing passport applications by persons who hold a gender recognition certificate, referenced in a Parliamentary Question response of 14 February 2018 but never published. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31847/26]

*12. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether passport applicants who hold a gender recognition certificate issued under the Gender Recognition Act 2015 and which records a new name aligned with their preferred gender are also required to provide two-years proof of use of this new name when applying for a passport and specifically whether this requirement applies to first-time applicants resident in the State, renewal applicants resident in the State and applicants resident in Northern Ireland or overseas both renewal and first-time applicants (details supplied). — Ruth Coppinger. [31924/26]

*13. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the main challenges the Government faces with currently facing EU-Africa relations, including geopolitical competition and financing constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31952/26]

*14. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the EU-AU Joint Vision for 2030 is being implemented and monitored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31953/26]

*15. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way the outcomes of the 2025 EU-AU Summit are being progressed at EU level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31954/26]

*16. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the consultations that have been undertaken to inform Ireland's approach to EU-Africa relations during its Presidency; the key themes emerged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31955/26]

*17. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Ireland's plans to enhance EU-African Union partnership and relations during Ireland's upcoming presidency of the EU Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31956/26]

*18. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on Ireland's history to date and plans to support greater Africa voice and voting power in key international fora including

at the UN and international banking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31957/26]

*19. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether Ireland intends to initiate or host any EU-Africa ministerial meetings or political dialogues during its Presidency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31958/26]

*20. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade how effective is the United Nations in addressing human rights issues such as FGM in Somalia; the role Ireland and the Government can play in supporting UN efforts to combat practices like FGM (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32134/26]

*21. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list all occasions that she and her predecessor travelled outside of the State from 23 January 2025 to date in 2026; and to state in each case whether she or her predecessor travelled on the Government jet or flew commercially; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32220/26]

*22. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 212 of 24 February 2026, to state, as asked in the original question, whether she or the Government considers the recent murders of tens of thousands of people by the government of Iran to be a genocide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32223/26]

*23. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to her Department or State bodies that are responsible to her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32288/26]

*24. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of staff that are currently inactively employed by her Department or any organisation with responsibility to her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32308/26]

*25. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of a foreign births register application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32338/26]

*26. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total annual amount of Official Development Assistance allocated to sexual and reproductive health and rights programmes from 2019 to date in 2026, broken down by programme category, including maternal health, family planning, HIV and sexually transmitted infection programmes, gender-based violence services, and any other relevant categories, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32357/26]

*27. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department applies a formal classification system to distinguish between direct, indirect, and ancillary services in relation to abortion within overseas aid programmes; if so, to provide details of that classification system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32358/26]

*28. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any portion of funding provided under sexual and reproductive health programmes is used for services related to abortion, including post-abortion care or treatment of complications arising from abortion; if so, to provide a breakdown by programme type and recipient organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32359/26]

*29. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the audit and oversight mechanisms in place to ensure that funds allocated to sexual and reproductive health programmes are used in accordance with stated policy; whether programme-level audits are conducted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32360/26]

*30. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether all recipient organisations of Irish Official Development Assistance funding for sexual and reproductive health are required to provide outcome-based reporting; if so, to provide examples of the outcome metrics used and any published results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32361/26]

*31. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the extent to which her Department tracks the end-use of funds provided to multilateral organisations, including but not limited to UN agencies, in the area of sexual and reproductive health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32362/26]

*32. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if passports will be issued for persons (details supplied).; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32363/26]

*33. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount of Irish Official Development Assistance provided to UNFPA from 2019 to date in 2026, broken down by year, programme purpose, and whether the funding was core or earmarked, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32366/26]

*34. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount of Irish Official Development Assistance provided to the International Planned Parenthood Federation from 2019 to date in 2026, broken down by year, programme purpose, and whether the funding was core or earmarked, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32367/26]

*35. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has received any assurance from UNFPA, the International Planned Parenthood Federation, or other recipient organisations that Irish taxpayer funding is not used to provide or promote abortion as a method of family planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32368/26]

*36. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department requires recipient organisations of sexual and reproductive health funding to separate expenditure on maternal health, contraception, HIV prevention, post-abortion care, abortion-related advocacy, and gender-based violence services in financial reporting to the Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32369/26]

*37. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any Irish Official Development Assistance funding since 2019 has been provided to organisations that also provide abortion services, abortion-related advocacy, or abortion-related policy support internationally; if so, to provide the names of those organisations and the amounts provided by year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32370/26]

*38. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has conducted any risk assessment since 2019 on the use of Irish Official Development Assistance in sexual and reproductive health programmes where recipient organisations also provide abortion services, abortion-related advocacy, or abortion-related policy support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32371/26]

*39. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department distinguishes in its overseas aid reporting between funding for post-abortion medical care and funding for the provision of abortion services; if so, to provide the definitions used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32372/26]

*40. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has withheld, suspended, recovered, or reclassified any sexual and reproductive health funding since 2019 due to concerns about end-use, reporting, eligibility, or compliance with Ireland’s stated development policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32373/26]

*41. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she is aware of the 21 Irish people participating in the 2026 Global Sumud Flotilla to Gaza; the engagement her Department has had to ensure the safe passage through international waters of these Irish citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [32647/26]

*42. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on when a passport will be issued for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [32798/26]

*43. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a passport will be issued for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [32810/26]

*44. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has plans to open a new Irish Consulate General in Muscat, Oman. — Sorca Clarke. [32822/26]

*45. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of the review of Ireland’s 2022 International Climate Finance Roadmap which was due to be updated in advance of 2026; to confirm that the roadmap review is framed in the context of Ireland’s ‘fair share’ of both the New Collective Quantified Goal agreed at COP29 and the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [32869/26]

*46. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether Ireland will make new climate finance pledges this year; whether Ireland’s international climate finance will remain grant-based, non-debt and focussed on least developed countries and small island developing states; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [32870/26]

*47. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reasons Ireland is not a member of international initiatives or coalitions that seek to enable just climate transitions based on ‘polluter pays’ and social equity principles, such as those calling for a tax on the super-rich; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [32871/26]

*48. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when she last spoke formally with the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [33091/26]

*49. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland is advocating for any reforms of United Nations structures, specifically at Security Council level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [33284/26]

*50. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including Defence Forces infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Carlow in each of the

past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33341/26]

*51. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in her capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33381/26]

*52. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including Defence Forces infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Kilkenny in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33458/26]

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

*53. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his attention or the attention of his officials has been drawn to the problem of demand for jet fuel from military activity straining supplies of jet fuel stocks for civilian aviation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33334/26]

*54. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the SEAI solar PV grant scheme; if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the qualifying criteria that prevents homes built after 2021 from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31860/26]

*55. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the merits of expanding the SEAI solar PV grant scheme to include all homes including new builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31861/26]

*56. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on whether the existing policy related to the SEAI solar PV grant scheme that excludes homes built after 2021 is equitable; if this is under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31862/26]

*57. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures in place to ensure that households where a resident is medically dependent on electrically powered equipment, including 24-hour oxygen, are prioritised under the SEAI solar PV scheme vulnerable customer pathway; if such households are considered automatically eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [31905/26]

*58. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether an appeals process exists for applicants refused support under the SEAI solar PV scheme vulnerable customer pathway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [31907/26]

*59. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will publish the eligibility criteria and decision-making guidance used by SEAI staff when assessing applications under the solar PV scheme vulnerable customer pathway, including any criteria relating to medical dependency on electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [31908/26]

*60. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider introducing a specific fast-track approval route under the SEAI solar PV scheme for households where electricity costs have increased significantly due to the presence of medically essential equipment such as oxygen concentrators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31909/26]

*61. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will review whether the current eligibility criteria for the SEAI solar PV scheme vulnerable customer pathway is fit for purpose given the significant increase in households caring for medically dependent relatives at home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31910/26]

*62. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department engages with the Department of Social Protection and the Department of Health to ensure that households caring for medically dependent persons are protected from excessive electricity costs and supported through targeted energy upgrade grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31911/26]

*63. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide detailed information regarding all notices of dispute received by the State under the Energy Charter Treaty; the number of notices received, the subject matter of the disputes, the identities of the potential claimants and the amounts referenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31928/26]

*64. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will engage with SEAI on the regulations around the basis on which grants are awarded for home energy upgrades, with particular attention being focused on if a homeowner buys a house that historically has had grants awarded for the house already for energy upgrades with a previous owner, can now avail of the grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [31934/26]

*65. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he expects rates for solar panel grants to increase; if such an increase will be available retrospectively to applications that are approved under the current rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [31982/26]

*66. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the specific measures in place to address the upfront cost barrier for older persons seeking to install solar photovoltaic panels; whether options such as grant prepayment, pay-as-you-save models, or low-cost financing are under active consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32035/26]

*67. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has assessed the cohort of older homeowners who do not qualify for fully funded retrofit schemes but are unable to afford the upfront cost of solar panel installation; the estimated size of this cohort; if targeted supports are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32036/26]

*68. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether an assessment has been carried out on the adequacy of current solar photovoltaic grant levels for older persons on fixed incomes, having regard to installation costs; if any revisions to grant levels are under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32037/26]

*69. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if any review has been undertaken to identify barriers faced by older persons in accessing solar panel grants, including awareness, administrative requirements and financial constraints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32039/26]

*70. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if any forthcoming Statutory Instrument to transpose Article 12 of the Energy Efficiency Directive (2023/1791) will include the implementation and governance for real-time emissions reporting by Large Energy Users, as referenced in Action 12 of the Large Energy-user Action Plan (LEAP), or if separate primary legislation will be required to achieve this ambition. — Barry Heneghan. [32041/26]

*71. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which waste-heat assessments for existing data centres over 1 MW, as required under Article 26(6) of the Energy Efficiency Directive 2023/1791, will be implemented in a manner that is efficient, proportionate and does not create unnecessary delays for investment or expansion; and which bodies will be responsible for this process. — Barry Heneghan. [32042/26]

*72. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to clarify the reasons for the delayed commissioning date of the Celtic Interconnector, which is now expected for Q4 2028; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32054/26]

*73. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if steps are being taken to bring forward the commissioning date of the Celtic Interconnector, which has been moved to Q4 2028, in order to apply downward pressure on wholesale electricity prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32055/26]

*74. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list of meetings he has held with the Climate Change Advisory Council; the topics that were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32056/26]

*75. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list of the meetings of the Transport, Telecommunications and Energy (TTE) configuration of the Council of the European Union which he has attended to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32057/26]

*76. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list of the meetings of the Environment (ENVI) configuration of Council of the European Union which he has attended to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32058/26]

*77. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current status of the Government’s proposed Circularity Roadmap for the Construction Sector; when it is proposed to publish it; if it will set out regulations underpinned by primary legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [32060/26]

*78. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 347 of 21 April 2026, the way in which and where this engagement is taking place (details supplied); the way companies engaged in the manufacture of building materials with the use of mainly recycled components can engage with the authors and/or Government to feed into the preparation of the circularity road map; if there is or was an open call for submissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [32061/26]

*79. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when his Department first became aware of concerns raised by the European Commission regarding the proposed design of the Renewable Heat Obligation; the steps taken at that stage to address these concerns prior to the issuing of the Commission's detailed opinion; whether any such issues have had an impact on the planned rollout timeline for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32094/26]

*80. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether consideration is being given to the inclusion of renewable liquid fuels, including hydrotreated vegetable oil, within a revised renewable heat obligation or any alternative support scheme; the measures being considered to ensure that households and businesses reliant on liquid fuels have access to practical and cost effective decarbonisation options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32095/26]

*81. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the assessment that has been undertaken of the potential for domestic production of hydrotreated vegetable oil in Ireland; whether the Government is examining the way such production could be supported through energy policy measures, including proposed private wires legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32096/26]

*82. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the analysis that has been carried out on the role of hydrotreated vegetable oil and other renewable liquid fuels as part of Ireland's overall heating and energy mix; whether blending or integration with existing fuel systems is under consideration; the regulatory or policy measures that are being considered to support their uptake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32097/26]

*83. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 246 of 24 March 2026, when the information requested will be made available. — Tony McCormack. [32163/26]

*84. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32282/26]

*85. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of staff that are currently inactively employed by his Department or any organisation with responsibility to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32302/26]

*86. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of the recent EPA-funded Noise Annoyance Mapping study on wind turbine noise (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32404/26]

*87. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the Community Climate Action Fund allocations for 2026 will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [32443/26]

*88. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated Exchequer cost of fuel related subsidies and energy support schemes introduced in 2025 and 2026 within his Department's remit; to provide a comparison with the level of funding allocated over the same

period to decarbonisation measures and fossil fuel phase out initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32465/26]

*89. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the ineligibility of homes built after 2021 for the SEAI grant (details supplied); the reason for this; if there are plans to amend the eligibility criteria in order that owners of homes built after this date can access the grant ensuring that energy and climate objectives are furthered and ensuring that the scheme is fair, effective and fit for purpose in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32485/26]

*90. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current average processing time for traditional homes pilot applications once a full application has been submitted to SEAI; the number of applications currently awaiting assessment under the scheme; his plans to improve processing times; if there is a need for increased resources to deal with the number of applications under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [32846/26]

*91. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the SEAI plans to publish a report or data outlining clear timelines and processing data for the traditional homes pilot scheme; the way in which his Department is monitoring the processing of applications and whether he is concerned that delays are dissuading homeowners from proceeding with retrofit projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [32847/26]

*92. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to consider the implementation of a financial grant to allow older people to upgrade their heating system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [32875/26]

*93. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps taken to prevent an inflationary effect on the cost of home energy upgrades arising out of grant increases and to ensure that the benefit of the grants continues to be felt by consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [33207/26]

*94. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total number of smart meters installed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [33229/26]

*95. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether any policy options have been examined by his Department to address potential regional disparities arising from electricity standing charge structures; and if so, to outline those options and any decisions taken. — Ken O'Flynn. [33276/26]

*96. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding that has been allocated to research and development in tidal energy under his Departments' remit over the past five years. — Eoin Hayes. [33308/26]

*97. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the current phase of Just Transition Funding will be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33338/26]

*98. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there will be another phase of Just Transition Funding; if so, if will outline the timeframe for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33339/26]

*99. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33375/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*100. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the supplementary military service scheme, due to commence this month, has been delayed until June 2026; whether she is aware of the concern this has caused among members of the Reserve Defence Forces who had made themselves available for service under the scheme; the steps being taken to address the impact of this delay on those personnel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [32093/26]

*101. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to her Department or State bodies that are responsible to her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32284/26]

*102. To ask the Minister for Defence the percentage of the 2025 advertisement budget for Permanent Defence Forces that was actually spent; if any unspent budget was automatically transferred onto the 2026 advertisement budget. — Sorca Clarke. [32827/26]

*103. To ask the Minister for Defence the number and percentage of Air Corps aircraft that are currently fully operational, partially operational, and unavailable for service due to maintenance requirements or staffing constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32878/26]

*104. To ask the Minister for Defence the annual attrition rates for Air Corps personnel in each of the categories of pilots, aircrew, and aircraft technicians for each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32879/26]

*105. To ask the Minister for Defence the average time required to recruit, train and bring to full operational competency a pilot, an aircrew member, and an aircraft technician within the Air Corps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32880/26]

*106. To ask the Minister for Defence whether her Department or the military authorities have assessed the impact of current staffing shortfalls on operational capacity within the Air Corps, including any effect on mission availability, response times or service delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32881/26]

*107. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Air Corps operations, missions or taskings that have been delayed, curtailed or cancelled due to staffing shortages or maintenance capacity constraints in each of the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32882/26]

*108. To ask the Minister for Defence whether a workforce gap analysis has been undertaken in respect of aircraft maintenance and technical personnel within the Air Corps; if so, to provide

the findings and any identified shortfalls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32883/26]

*109. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the status of backdated allowances owed to members of the Army Ranger Wing (ARW); to specify the total amount of arrears currently outstanding; the timeline for the resolution of these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33170/26]

*110. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason her Department has reportedly refused to pay ARW arrears incurred between 2006 and 2018 despite the awarding of these payments; the number of current and former personnel affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33171/26]

*111. To ask the Minister for Defence if any confidential or secret deal regarding pay or allowances was reached with a specific group of personnel within the Air Corps / Fire Service at Casement Aerodrome; if these agreements were made outside of the standard Conciliation and Arbitration (C&A) scheme to ensure the continued operation of the airfield; and if she will disclose the date, terms, and the number of personnel who benefited from this arrangement. — Peadar Tóibín. [33172/26]

*112. To ask the Minister for Defence if she is aware of allegations that a 'secret deal' was reached with three individuals in the Air Corps Fire Service following threats to cease operations at the aerodrome; if she will explain the reason such an arrangement would be implemented. — Peadar Tóibín. [33173/26]

*113. To ask the Minister for Defence the current status of the Commission on the Defence Forces (CODF) recommendation regarding the introduction of long service increments for enlisted personnel; if she will explain the reason this measure remains under 'further evaluation' since July 2022 despite the ongoing retention crisis; and if she will commit to an immediate implementation date to stabilise personnel numbers and support recruitment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33174/26]

*114. To ask the Minister for Defence to state her Department's position on the payment of five-figure arrears owed to serving and retired members of the Army Ranger Wing (ARW) and Defence Forces Chefs arising from historical allowance agreements; the reason these payments are being withheld from retired veterans who served during the relevant periods; the impact this perceived lack of respect has on the willingness of former personnel to re-enlist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [33175/26]

*115. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has sought legal advice on its compliance with the Payment of Wages Act 1991 regarding the non-payment of agreed allowances; if she acknowledges that allowances are defined as 'wages' under Section 1 of the Act and cannot be deducted or withheld without statutory basis; and if she will address the inconsistency of these debts remaining unpaid while other 'critical' groups received immediate facilitation. — Peadar Tóibín. [33176/26]

*116. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including Defence Forces infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Carlow in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33342/26]

*117. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in her capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33377/26]

*118. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces that are currently on active peace keeping missions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [33428/26]

*119. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including Defence Forces infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Kilkenny in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33459/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*120. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline every price change on the number 40 Expressway bus route from Tralee to Cork in the past ten years from 2016 to 2026, including each stop along the route and including student, child and adult fares, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [31812/26]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the National Vehicle and Driver File (NVDF) Bill 2026; when this Bill will progress to the next stage; the purposes of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [31829/26]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport to establish with the NTA if there has been a pause in funding for key planned cycle lane/active travel projects in Drogheda, County Louth; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31833/26]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider extending the 238 bus to the Hollystown swing roundabout and then into Hollystown once the new bus terminus is completed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [31850/26]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport if any assessment has been carried out into the number of the 190 people killed on Irish roads in 2025 that were driving for work; whether he considers the current reporting framework adequate, given that not all such deaths are reported to the Health and Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31875/26]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the issue that not all road collisions involving a person in the course of work are reported to the Health and Safety Authority; his views on whether this is a deficit in existing reporting requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31876/26]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the continued closure of the footbridge at Dalkey DART Station; the timeline for when it will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31883/26]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to amend the Road Traffic Act 1961 to introduce graduated penalties for driving under the influence of drugs based on the level of units

detected in an individual's blood as is the case with penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [31920/26]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration is being given to extending eligibility for the student Leap card to include part-time students; whether work is planned to review the current criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [31921/26]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) specifically in relation to the provision of EV charging spaces in non-residential buildings (details supplied); if he can confirm whether this regulation refers specifically to electric charging points for cars and not for scooters or bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31935/26]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the vehicle adaptation scheme currently under development will be limited to supports for adapting a vehicle only; whether the tax relief and toll road exemptions that currently apply under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme be phased out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [31943/26]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport for a detailed list of the ports, State-owned or private, that he is aware of that are either currently undergoing or are likely to submit planning and funding requests in the near future for expanding or upgrading port capacity for commercial activity or renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [31946/26]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport when applications for the safe routes to school under the active travel scheme will open; the timelines expected for the project to be completed; the amount of funding expected to be awarded to each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [31978/26]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to support the NTA to increase efficiency throughout the life span of each individual Active Travel Project, to ensure that projects are delivered in a timely manner and without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [31979/26]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the absence of reciprocal driving licensing agreements between Ireland, America and Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31999/26]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the work of the Irish-US Driver's License Exchange Campaign Committee; if he will consider facilitating a meeting with them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32000/26]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any work ongoing that seeks to create a reciprocal driving licensing agreement between Ireland, America and Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32001/26]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times for Dundalk driving test centre; to seek clarification for the ongoing delays and cancellations at this centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32015/26]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the work of a committee (details supplied); if he will examine the issues raised, especially on the difficulty being experienced for US driver licence holders, who are Irish citizens and are returning home, where in some cases they had full Irish driver licences; if he will consider an exchange arrangement; if he will examine the system in place for Ireland and the US; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32033/26]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will provide funding to Irish Rail for their planned station customer services systems upgrades and enhancements (details supplied), which will include the rolling out of passenger information display boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32077/26]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32078/26]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the total fleet number of Bus Éireann Expressway buses; the number that have onboard toilet facilities in each of the past five years and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [32091/26]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene on behalf of a person (details supplied) in County Clare who has been trying to obtain a logbook for a moped for a number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32161/26]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm whether the designated email account (details supplied) remains active and monitored for correspondence from public representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32169/26]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport the average response time for appeals and queries received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [32170/26]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of emails received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 remained unanswered after ten working days and after 20 working days. — Ken O’Flynn. [32171/26]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport whether an automatic acknowledgement is issued for emails received through the designated email account (details supplied); and if not, the reason. — Ken O’Flynn. [32172/26]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he accepts that delays or failure to respond to public representative appeals through the designated email account (details supplied) obstructs constituency casework and may result in individuals being left without valid driving licences, permits or access to essential services; and the steps being taken to ensure timely responses. — Ken O’Flynn. [32173/26]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport when he plans to introduce a reciprocal driving licence exchange agreement between Ireland and the United States of America, Australia and Canada; the timeline for when such an agreement is expected to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [32179/26]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that an airline (details supplied) recently decided to require passengers to produce passports or passport cards when travelling on its routes within the common travel area (CTA); whether the documents which can be required by an airline in this manner is currently governed by legislation or by regulations issued by his Department; his views on whether the continued and now increasing requirements for Irish citizens to produce passports or passport cards travelling within the CTA both at departure from Ireland and arrival in Ireland reduces the notion of the CTA to a mockery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32224/26]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 333 of 20 January 2026, the way proceedings taken by a private citizen against a semi-State body can override the Minister's constitutional responsibility to answer questions in Dáil Éireann on decisions made by him, in line with Article 28.4.1 of the Constitution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32226/26]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32297/26]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport for confirmation that the current programme for the Mallow relief road remains on schedule, particularly in relation to the submission of the Preliminary Business Case in Q2 2026. — Thomas Gould. [32374/26]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport for an updated projected timeline for progression through planning and towards construction of the Mallow relief road. — Thomas Gould. [32375/26]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport for confirmation of ongoing and future funding commitments required to ensure the Mallow relief road advances without delay. — Thomas Gould. [32376/26]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport whether interim measures will be funded to reduce traffic congestion in Mallow pending the construction of the Mallow relief road. — Thomas Gould. [32377/26]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will support the deployment of average-speed cameras on high-risk routes within 12 months given Ireland is one of the only developed countries without a functioning network, despite overwhelming evidence that they reduce fatalities. — Paul Donnelly. [32392/26]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will support a funded national programme to redesign the 50 highest-risk road sections with published timelines (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [32393/26]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the information his Department has received from the Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) on the number of enforcement actions taken since ANCA's establishment under the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019; and whether he is satisfied that ANCA, which is embedded within Fingal County Council and funded by a levy paid by the airport operator under section 5 of the 2019 Act, meets the independence requirements of Article 3(2) of EU Regulation 598/2014. — Gillian Toole. [32405/26]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if Leap card fares will increase as part of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [32418/26]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has met with the NTA to discuss their upcoming allocation as part of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [32419/26]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of road fatalities recorded in the State for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by road user category (driver, passenger, pedestrian, cyclist, motorcyclist), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32486/26]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of road fatalities recorded in the State for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32487/26]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of penalty points issued in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by offence category, including speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of drugs and use of a mobile phone while driving, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32488/26]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fixed charge notices issued for speeding offences in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number that resulted in penalty points being applied; the number that progressed to court proceedings, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32489/26]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of detections, arrests and convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32490/26]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of detections, arrests and convictions for driving under the influence of drugs in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32491/26]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of detections and convictions for the use of a mobile phone while driving in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32492/26]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driving licences suspended in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by reason for suspension, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32493/26]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of driving licences cancelled or revoked in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by reason for cancellation or revocation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32494/26]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers who reached 12 or more penalty points and were subject to automatic disqualification in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number of disqualifications successfully appealed; the number of drivers who reached seven

penalty points (the lower threshold for novice and learner drivers), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32495/26]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider a change to the driver certificate of professional competence (CPC) periodic training regime, specifically the requirement for professional bus and truck drivers to complete a seven-hour classroom-based module every year; if he has considered the financial and time burden this puts on experienced drivers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32782/26]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a report (details supplied); if he is considering the recommendations of this report; the timeline for a decision and action on the issue of accessing an Irish Driver’s Licence for returning Irish citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32796/26]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has ever sought or explored the possibility of ring-fencing the monetary revenues arising from fines for driving and parking offences to fund the delivery of road safety measures; the way in which this money is accounted for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [32797/26]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport when is the next EU Transport Council Meeting scheduled to occur. — Sorca Clarke. [32823/26]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE staff by job title currently working within facilities and building department within Iarnród Éireann. — Sorca Clarke. [32824/26]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the envisaged cost of N3 M50 to Clonee bus priority and active travel scheme, which was originally identified in the National Development Plan 2021-2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33036/26]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of the two active travel bridges under the N3 M50 to Clonee bus priority and active travel scheme, which was originally identified in the National Development Plan 2021-2023. — Emer Currie. [33037/26]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite the South Kerry Greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33053/26]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite agreements with all landowners associated with the South Kerry Greenway such as accommodation works and compensation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33054/26]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the total value of accommodation works and compensation agreed with landowners to-date associated with the South Kerry Greenway; when will agreements be finalised with all remaining landowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33055/26]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vehicles clamped at each Irish Rail station car park in 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [33090/26]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport whether concerns or threats of retaliatory measures by the United States Administration or US aviation regulators have been raised with his Department in relation to the passenger cap at Dublin Airport; the form in which such concerns have been

communicated; and the actions being taken by Government to mitigate any risk to Ireland's aviation connectivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [33105/26]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport whether, in light of the recent increase in road fatalities, the Government intends to reconsider the recommendations of the Indecon report on the Road Safety Authority, particularly in relation to the structure, remit and effectiveness of the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [33106/26]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the progress of BusConnects in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33133/26]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are being taken to increase bus routes serving the Glenville, Whitechurch and Carrignavar areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33134/26]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make representations to Iarnród Éireann to extend late-night train services on the Cork commuter rail service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33135/26]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm if there are planned enhancements to the Dublin airport voluntary dwelling purchase scheme; to provide a timeline for any planned enhancements to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33145/26]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm the valuation approach being applied under the Dublin airport voluntary dwelling purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33154/26]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the total value of tolls paid at each toll booth across the State for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by toll location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33208/26]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vehicles passing through each toll booth across the State for each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by vehicle class (including motorcycles, cars, LGVs and HGVs), provided in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33209/26]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify the comments made in Dáil Éireann regarding the School Street Programme funding delivered through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative still being in place while local authorities were told this funding closed around 2022 or 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [33279/26]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of schools that are currently using the School Street Programme delivered through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative. — Jen Cummins. [33280/26]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of schools that have the School Street Programme funding delivered through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative; the number of schools that are in the pipeline for it; and in what timeframe could he expect all schools to have the programme. — Jen Cummins. [33281/26]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has considered a roll out of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative to all schools rather than the onerous grant application; and if he has considered the expansion to secondary schools. — Jen Cummins. [33282/26]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider conducting a review of the need for bus stops and a train stop in a specific area (detail supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [33309/26]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if the State is currently incurring storage costs in respect of electric buses procured for public service which remain out of service due to the absence of the required charging infrastructure; if so, the total amount paid to date and the projected cost until such time as the buses enter service; the location at which the buses are being stored; the party to whom such storage fees are being paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33316/26]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a driving test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33323/26]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on plans to incentivise greater commuter take-up of shared mobility. — Emer Currie. [33349/26]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided in 2026 for the Kilbarry Train Station; and the timeline for the delivery of same. — Thomas Gould. [33354/26]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided in 2026 for the Blarney Train Station; and the timeline for the delivery of same. — Thomas Gould. [33355/26]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided in 2026 for the Dunkettle Train Station; and the timeline for the delivery of same. — Thomas Gould. [33356/26]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full breakdown of costs since 2020, related to the storage of double-decker battery-electric buses that have been delivered by manufacturers but have yet to enter into service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33359/26]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the electric bus charging facilities in Donnybrook bus depot; the nature of the charging generators, whether they are powered by renewable or fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33360/26]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33390/26]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if the RTSS is open to private commercial passenger transport operators, whose work consists of privately contracted school runs (details supplied); where or to whom will such operators apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [33438/26]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if all fuel costs of private passenger transport operators eligible for rebate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [33440/26]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [34025/26]

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

*208. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his plans to grant planning exemptions for modular homes will be accompanied by any changes to capital acquisitions tax in respect of individuals wishing to pay for the cost of building a modular home on another landowner's property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [32876/26]

*209. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the steps his Department is taking towards reform of the deemed disposal rules on ETFs, in an effort to level the playing field for ordinary investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [31857/26]

*210. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of people registered with the Revenue Commissioners for the rent-a-room tax relief in each of the years from its introduction in 2001 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [31865/26]

*211. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Government will consider reducing VAT on new builds to 9% and put measures in place to ensure developers do not increase prices even more as a result. — Paul Donnelly. [31866/26]

*212. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Revenue Commissioners can fast-track resolution of outstanding local property tax payments for those seeking the fair deal scheme or local authority grants. — Thomas Gould. [31937/26]

*213. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for limiting the forthcoming 9% VAT rate reduction, due to take effect in July 2026, to hairdressers and barbers, excluding the wider beauty sector; whether any consideration was given to extending the 9% VAT rate to beauty service providers; if so, the outcome of that consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32017/26]

*214. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the basis on which distinctions were made between hairdressing/barbering services and other personal care services within the beauty sector for the purposes of VAT policy; if he is aware of the financial pressures currently facing businesses in the beauty sector; whether these were taken into account in the decision to exclude them from the reduced VAT rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32018/26]

*215. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any engagement has taken place with representative bodies from the beauty industry regarding VAT rates; if so, the nature of such consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32019/26]

*216. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the full cost to the Exchequer of the disabled drivers scheme in 2025, to include all tax exemptions under the scheme and the fuel

grant element; whether regular Tax Expenditure Evaluation Reports have been carried out on the scheme as required under his Department's Tax Expenditure Evaluation Guidelines 2014 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [32024/26]

*217. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason the bike-to-work scheme is not available to those who are retired, on a pension and continue to pay tax; if he plans to change this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32059/26]

*218. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to respond correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [32194/26]

*219. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to list each occasion that he and his predecessor travelled outside of the State from 23 January 2025 to date in 2026; to specify on which occasions the Government jet was used; and on which occasions a commercial airline was used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32219/26]

*220. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the Government's position on the proposed Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034, specifically regarding the inclusion of dedicated health-related funding windows and earmarked resources for EU-wide cancer prevention and research initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32240/26]

*221. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to clarify where liability lies for the tax owed under Karshan settlements; if workers who were reclassified as employees as a result of the Karshan ruling are compelled to reimburse their employers as a result of the tax paid by those employers for 2024 and 2025 as part of a Karshan settlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32273/26]

*222. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the effect of the Karshan judgement on freelance and self-employed workers; the information and guidance his Department has made available to freelance and self-employed workers to navigate the impact of the judgement on their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32274/26]

*223. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department over the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [32287/26]

*224. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of staff that are currently inactively employed by his Department or any organisation with responsibility to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32307/26]

*225. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the impacts the EU proposal for regulation on the legal tender of banknotes and coins will have on businesses in Ireland; if businesses that specify that payment must be in a form other than cash will be in a position to continue that stance unaffected, based on the common law contractual principles of offer and acceptance; the latest anticipated timeframe for progress on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [32602/26]

*226. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has considered increasing the rate of tax relief on qualifying health expenses not covered by private health insurance in light of rising healthcare costs and cost-of living pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32787/26]

*227. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance Ireland's position on the application of excise duties to novel nicotine products at EU level, in the context of the anticipated revision of both the Tobacco Products Directive and the Tobacco Taxation Directive; whether Ireland supports a risk-proportionate approach to the taxation of such products relative to combustible tobacco; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32835/26]

*228. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence regarding the cost of home heating oil and kerosene which is used for approximately 700,000 Irish homes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [32849/26]

*229. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current age-related tax supports available to individuals aged 65 and over, including the age tax credit and any remaining exemption mechanisms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32851/26]

*230. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when the age tax credit was last increased; its value at the time of introduction; whether it has been adjusted since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32852/26]

*231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for maintaining the age tax credit at its current level for over a decade despite sustained inflation and rising living costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32853/26]

*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the year in which the former age exemption limits for taxpayers aged 65 and over were removed from the income tax system; the rationale for their removal at that time; whether any assessment was carried out on the impact of abolishing these exemption limits on older taxpayers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32854/26]

*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has assessed the cumulative impact of inflation since 2011 on the disposable income of older taxpayers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32855/26]

*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated fiscal cost of restoring the former age exemption limits to their pre-2011 levels, adjusted for inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32856/26]

*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he intends to review age-related tax supports in advance of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32857/26]

*236. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 195 of 4 March 2026, the amount of money that will be recouped in tax from the €1.4billion paid out to carers by the Department of Social Protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32971/26]

*237. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the value of the unclaimed prize bonds registered on the unclaimed prizes database; if he will provide the top ten longest unclaimed prizes; whether interest accrues on unclaimed prizes; and the cost of maintaining and managing unclaimed prizes in the fund. — Aidan Farrelly. [32975/26]

*238. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 376 of 16 December 2025, if tariffs are to be introduced; the rate and the date (details supplied); if tariffs will be backdated; if imports will be affected; if there will be ‘countervailing duties’; in addition for any further update he has on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [33003/26]

*239. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider extending the VAT reduction that is applied to the hospitality sector to include the beauty industry, given that beauty salons were classified under hospitality during the Covid-19 closures, and also taking into account that the 9% VAT rate applied to hairdressers will not be applicable to beauty salons who do not offer this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [33029/26]

*240. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount invested in the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund; the amount of this fund invested in US government bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33041/26]

*241. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount invested in the Future Ireland Fund; the amount of this fund invested in US government bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33042/26]

*242. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Irish Government will seek and/or support an exemption from the EU proposal for regulation on the legal tender of banknotes and coins in respect of enterprises where the use of cash could present law enforcement risks, risks to public safety and overall security risks, where the value of an asset taken into temporary possession by a customer exceeds ten thousand euro; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [33211/26]

*243. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if applications for the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme will still be accepted while the new grant-based vehicle adaptation scheme is being developed by the Department of Transport; and if so, whether the eligibility conditions for obtaining a primary medical cert will be broadened given its current strict limitations to six medical criteria. — Erin McGreehan. [33228/26]

*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position for a landlord who charges below market rent under the Capital Acquisitions Tax Consolidation Act 2003, if a tenant is deemed to have occupied property without paying market rent; if the difference between the rent paid and the market rent is deemed a taxable gift; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [33299/26]

*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he plans to alter section 40 of the Capital Acquisitions Tax Consolidation Act 2003, to examine the fact that rent forbearance is treated as a gift in the period it occurs, potentially creating a tax liability for the tenant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [33300/26]

*246. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners can provide guidance to ensure that temporary rent reductions offered to tenants facing financial hardship do

not trigger a significant CAT liability on the tenant, acting as a barrier to supporting tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [33301/26]

*247. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will formalise into legislation the Revenue Commissioners guidance that allows for adult children to live at home without incurring CAT, given the current financial constraints on young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [33302/26]

*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason the Central Bank's total spend on consultancy firms relating to IT has risen over tenfold since 2019 to €15,982,000 in 2025. — Conor D. McGuinness. [33307/26]

*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide a list of all capital projects and programmes funded or overseen under the remit of his Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Carlow in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33331/26]

*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide a list of all capital projects and programmes funded or overseen under the remit of his Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Kilkenny in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33332/26]

*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33380/26]

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

*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the funding granted and spent towards coastal erosion and defence works in Waterford, by project, in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; the details of all ongoing projects; the stage and funding commitments of each; the timeline for completion of all ongoing projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [31975/26]

*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE staff, by job title working at the John F Kennedy Arboretum as of 24 April 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [32115/26]

*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32293/26]

*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of staff that are currently inactively employed by his Department or any organisation with responsibility to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32313/26]

*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount yielded from carbon tax for each of the years from 2023 to 2025; the breakdown of the expenditure and the purposes it was allocated to in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [32331/26]

*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the extent to which continued Exchequer support for fossil fuel related measures is consistent with Ireland's climate targets and its commitments under the Climate Action Plan; the assessment carried out by his Department in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32464/26]

*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total number of non-statutory bodies in receipt of public funding in each year since 2020; the estimated aggregate annual funding provided to such bodies; and the proportion of that funding subject to formal governance codes equivalent to the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. — Ken O'Flynn. [32567/26]

*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any central register is maintained identifying the governance framework applicable to each publicly funded non-statutory body; if so, to provide details; and if not, whether the absence of such a register has been identified as a governance risk. — Ken O'Flynn. [32568/26]

*260. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has conducted any risk assessment regarding the reliance on differing governance codes across publicly funded bodies; and if so, to provide the findings and date of such assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [32569/26]

*261. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the mechanisms, if any, in place to ensure value-for-money, audit compliance, and board accountability in non-statutory bodies that are not subject to the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. — Ken O'Flynn. [32570/26]

*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether consideration has been given to extending the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, or an equivalent mandatory standard, to all bodies in receipt of majority State funding; and if so, to outline the status of such consideration. — Ken O'Flynn. [32571/26]

*263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to clarify the procedure when the Commission for Public Service Appointments finds that the Public Appointments Service has made a flawed decision (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [32587/26]

*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his plans for the Office of Public Works to acquire the Martello Tower at Sandymount, Dublin; and if he will report on assessments

commissioned by or for his Department, in concert with the OPW, in respect of same. — Ivana Bacik. [32788/26]

*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total amount of public funds currently outstanding from current and former Ministers and officeholders following pension calculation errors identified in 2025; and the specific measures being taken by the National Shared Services Office to recoup these funds. — Peadar Tóibín. [32955/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide a breakdown of the number of current and former officeholders who have yet to enter a formal repayment plan for overpaid pension funds; the deadline set for the completion of these repayments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32956/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the confirmed details for the expanded minor works scheme for the OPW; when he expects the final terms and conditions of the scheme to be published and circulated among Local Authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [33178/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide, full name, job title, and employing organisation of each member of the Major Projects Approval Group (MPAG) that reviewed the business case for the HSE's national electronic health record programme in or around September 2025, in tabular form; whether any member of the MPAG is also a member of, or adviser to, the HSE's EHR tender evaluation panel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33254/26]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) conducted a review or peer review of the HSE's One Health Record programme under Circular 14/21 or any successor instrument prior to Government approval of the procurement in February 2026; and if so, the person or body that conducted the review and its findings; whether an acting or interim Government Chief Information Officer has been appointed following the departure of the previous officeholder in April 2026; if no such appointment has been made, the person or body currently exercising the OGCIO's oversight functions under Circular 14/21 in respect of the EHR procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33255/26]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to consider reimplementing the Public Sector Single Pension Scheme for uniformed services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [33311/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide a list of all capital projects delivered under the National Development Plan and otherwise within the remit of his Department, including the Office of Public Works, which have been completed on time and within budget in Carlow in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33335/26]

*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide a list of all capital projects delivered under the National Development Plan and otherwise within the remit of his Department, including the Office of Public Works, which have been completed on time and within budget in Kilkenny in each of

the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33336/26]

*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33386/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total amount invested in the Infrastructure, Climate and Nature Fund; the amount of this fund invested in US government bonds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33444/26]

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

*275. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the efforts being made to establish an EU pharmaceutical taskforce by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [32941/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for finance to clarify if a carer working 35 hours a week is entitled to receive the minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32972/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Government to confirm if his Department currently collects any data counting the number of short term lets in Gaeltacht areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [32995/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to confirm if his Department currently collects any data counting the number of short term lets in Gaeltacht areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [32996/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the Industrial Relations Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers Bill 2021 (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [33236/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the IDA have provided property grants to a firm (details supplied) for a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31848/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when the rationale for the current €40,000 minimum salary threshold for certain critical skills employment permit roles; and when this threshold was last reviewed. — Peadar Tóibín. [31888/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment that has been undertaken regarding the impact of critical skills employment permit thresholds on wage levels, housing demand and labour market competition for younger workers. — Peadar Tóibín. [31889/26]

*283. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the reason for the tripling in waiting times for A1 company formation relative to its own target of five working days. — Marie Sherlock. [32025/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the processes that exist within the CRO to expedite urgent and special case A1 applications. — Marie Sherlock. [32026/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to urgently examine and put in place measures to assist service-based startups (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [32092/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of vacant staff, by job title, currently at the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission; the estimated full year costs of filling each of the vacancies; the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [32116/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of the largest inward investment projects supported by IDA Ireland since 2015, ranked by capital investment value; the name of the company; the estimated capital investment; the projected and actual employment associated with each project; the level of grant support approved and drawn down in each case, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32199/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of full-time and part-time staff currently employed by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission; the breakdown of the number of staff who are centrally employed, those employed under short-term contracts or through agencies; the salary levels of all staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32230/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32286/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of staff that are currently inactively employed by his Department or any organisation with responsibility to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32306/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of WTE inspectors by grade working within Workplace Relations Commission as of 29 April 2026; if he will provide the same figures as of 30 June 2022, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32825/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to the reported expenditure of approximately €30 million under the smart regions enterprise innovation scheme, the status of the remaining €115.3 million in allocated funding; whether the scheme is being continued, restructured, or discontinued; the reasons for the significant delays and administrative challenges reported; and the intended use and timeline for any unspent or reallocated funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [33030/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the Community Enterprise Association of Ireland was consulted in the design or implementation of the smart regions enterprise innovation scheme; if so, the nature and timing of this engagement and any input received; if not, the reason for the absence of such consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [33031/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [33132/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Ireland's position on the planned EU Digital Fairness Act, including in the context of a non-paper by Poland on the need for full and effective use of existing tools to strengthen consumer protect in the digital economy. — Emer Currie. [33348/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33379/26]

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

*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to set out in full and itemised detail the specific entitlements available under each of the five pillars of the Government support package for survivors of Residential Institutional Abuse (Health, Education, Advocacy, Housing and Funeral Costs); including the supports that are currently accessible in practice and what remains pending implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32397/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm which single Department or State agency has final administrative authority for the interpretation and delivery of the five-pillar support package; and which body is responsible for issuing binding guidance to other Departments and agencies involved in its implementation. — Ken O'Flynn. [32398/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm the exact process by which a survivor of residential institutional abuse can access supports under the five-pillar package from first application to final approval, including the single point of contact responsible for progression of the application; and whether applicants are required to engage separately with multiple Departments or agencies. — Ken O'Flynn. [32399/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to distinguish clearly between elements of the five-pillar support package that are fully operational and currently available to applicants, and those that remain pending implementation, including the timeline for full operational delivery of all elements. — Ken O'Flynn. [32400/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a single consolidated written guidance document, operational manual, or publicly available framework exists setting out the full entitlements and access pathways under the five-pillar support package; and if so, to confirm whether it is provided to applicants and frontline agencies as the definitive reference document. — Ken O'Flynn. [32401/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if parents can be criminally prosecuted where their child does not attend secondary school; and the specific failures or omissions on the part of a parent that must occur before a conviction can be secured under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000. — Mattie McGrath. [32442/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason new schools being built without the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) initiative as standard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [33283/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she is taking to ensure the survival of an organisation (details supplied) and the vital services, funded by her Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31835/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of new school building developments delivered by a company (details supplied) that have required remediation work after the initial project was completed; and the total cost to her Department of these remediation works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31837/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the full policy rationale and published evidence base for the revised English as an additional language allocation model at primary level, including the introduction of a two year eligibility limit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [31852/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessment process that will be used by schools to identify pupils with ongoing English language needs under the revised model and the specific supports available where such needs persist beyond the eligibility period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [31853/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether an equality screening or impact assessment was undertaken prior to the introduction of the revised English as an additional language criteria and to provide the findings of any such assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [31854/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils currently in receipt of English as an additional language supports at primary level and the estimated number who will cease to qualify under the revised criteria, and to outline any associated cost savings, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [31855/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 57 of 23 April 2026, if the numbers for primary and secondary level will be provided (details supplied) and the projected shortfall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [31858/26]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether there are plans to expand access to multidisciplinary teams in DEIS Plus schools outside of existing pilot areas; the way in which she is working with the Minister for Health to address barriers to delivering these supports on a cross departmental basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [31884/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria that will be used to select the next schools or areas for inclusion in the expansion of the City Connects programme; when these

decisions will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [31885/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration will be given to prioritising areas of highest disadvantage, including those identified under the Pobal HP index such as Dublin 17, in the rollout of additional City Connects sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [31886/26]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way she intends to ensure that DEIS Plus schools receive access to the full range of wraparound supports, including after school and family support services, in line with the objectives of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [31887/26]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of and timeline on the progress on the new ASD class for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31919/26]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO) that has been allocated to west Wicklow, including Donard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31931/26]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a school (details supplied) will have no ASD classroom for the next academic year, as their current rental agreement is coming to an end; if she will intervene to ensure that appropriate classroom accommodation is provided; if the delivery of an approved extension to the school will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [31942/26]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a primary school (details supplied) that is awaiting a decision for works to be carried out, under the emergency works scheme will receive approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [31980/26]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of land (details supplied) which is owned by her Department; her plans for this land; if she will arrange for officials from her Department to meet with a local residents group to discuss this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [31990/26]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm that an organisation (details supplied) was selected as the facilitator and note-taker for the four sessions of the Convention on Education; and if she will outline the full tender evaluation process, including the scoring criteria applied and the names of all shortlisted bidders, given that one of the organisation's co-founders has an extensive public record of left-wing political activism, including the cost of the contract awarded to the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [31993/26]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that the appointment of an organisation (details supplied) as facilitator for the Convention on Education raises a reasonable apprehension of bias, given that one co-founder has a documented history of left-wing activism; and if she will acknowledge that this creates at minimum a perception problem for the denominational education sector which may undermine public confidence in the entire Convention process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [31994/26]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will state whether any conflict-of-interest assessment was carried out prior to awarding the €250,000 facilitation contract to an organisation (details supplied); and if she will publish any such assessment or explain why none was deemed necessary. — Carol Nolan. [31995/26]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific safeguards, if any, that have been put in place to guarantee the objectivity and neutrality of the facilitation and note-taking services provided by an organisation (details supplied) at the Convention on Education; and if she will acknowledge that, without such visible and robust safeguards, the process risks being perceived as pre-disposed against the interests of the denominational (particularly Catholic) school sector which still represents the majority of Irish primary and post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [31996/26]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason an organisation (details supplied) with documented ties to left-wing activist campaigns was chosen over other potential providers to facilitate a once-in-a-generation Convention on Education whose recommendations will shape Irish education policy for decades; and if she will now commit to publishing the full tender documentation, including the successful bid and all evaluation scores, to allow the denominational sector and the wider public to assess whether the process was genuinely impartial; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [31997/26]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when construction will begin on a new school building (details supplied); the timeline for completion of the works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [32002/26]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the State is planning to mark the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the national school system of education (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32013/26]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a list of all the post-primary schools in the Drumcondra and Marino, Dublin 1 SPA; the number of first year places that were available in each school for the 2024-2025 school year; the number of available first year places in each school in 2025-2026 that were not filled; if she will provide the same information for Killester, Raheny, Clontarf, Beaumont, Coolock, Whitehall and Santry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [32016/26]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount of funding drawn down nationally to date on the Mobile Phone Storage Fund; to detail the type of materials purchased to date as part of this fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [32030/26]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide detailed information on the consultations that are scheduled to take place with the youth work sector and other key stakeholders in May and June 2026 on the workforce development strategy; when these will take place; the way youth workers will be informed and advised to participate; when she intends to publish the data collected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32067/26]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an outline of all the events being planned by her Department for the EU Presidency; if she will provide details of all bursaries or grants being supported by her Department for stakeholder events or activities for the EU Presidency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32068/26]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a date for Oíche na hÓige will be announced; the budget her Department has allocated for the running of the event for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32069/26]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will support the retention of a teacher in a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [32075/26]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review the correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [32090/26]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to reply to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [32117/26]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department will be announcing details of this year's summer programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [32136/26]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her commitment to develop guidance on best practice arrangements for pupils in denominational schools whose parents request that they do not attend religious instruction, if she will ensure that this guidance is framed in order that it expressly covers all conscience-based opt-outs under section 30(2)(e) of the Education Act 1998, and not only religious instruction, or alternatively that equivalent guidance is issued for non-religious content; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32158/26]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that any Departmental guidance on opt-out arrangements covers all conscience-based opt-outs and does not create an artificial distinction between families who invoke the same statutory right in respect to different elements of the curriculum given that the same practical and rights-based issues arise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32159/26]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she accepts that providing no more than ad hoc supervision, or requiring a child to sit in the same classroom while instruction contrary to conscience is delivered, is inconsistent with the State's duty to vindicate parental rights under the Constitution; the way in which upcoming guidance will address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32160/26]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update in respect of the NDFA's project Shannon; if she will clarify the extent to which it is funded; and if she will clarify the hierarchy in which projects contained within project Shannon will be advanced. — Aidan Farrelly. [32162/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm whether a designated email account (details supplied) remains active and monitored for correspondence from public representatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32164/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average response time for correspondence received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [32165/26]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of emails received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 remained unanswered after ten working days and after 20 working days. — Ken O’Flynn. [32166/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether Bus Éireann issues an automatic acknowledgement for emails received through the designated email account (details supplied); and if not, the reason. — Ken O’Flynn. [32167/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that repeated non-response to correspondence from public representatives through the designated email account (details supplied) undermines public accountability and delays resolution of public transport issues for constituents; and the steps being taken to address this matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32168/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if more schools will be included in the DEIS programme in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [32181/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to list the schools that were included in the DEIS programme for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [32182/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) will be considered for DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [32183/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32192/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update in respect of a school (details supplied); the financial supports that are available outside of the schemes referenced; and if officials can include the school in the appropriate funding stream. — Aidan Farrelly. [32193/26]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the process and timeline for determining DEIS status for a school (details supplied); whether the socio-economic profile of the school is currently being examined as part of the DEIS identification process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [32198/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the respective roles of her Department, school boards of management and school patron bodies in the approval of external speakers into schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32210/26]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether there are mandatory national safeguarding standards that apply to all external speakers addressing students in primary and post-primary schools; and the minimum requirements that must be met in all cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [32211/26]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether Garda vetting is required for all external speakers delivering talks in schools; if not, the circumstances in which vetting is required; and whether responsibility for vetting rests with the school, patron body or another authority. — Ken O’Flynn. [32212/26]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether any central record is maintained of external speakers invited into schools, including religious, civic, advocacy or community representatives; and if not, the way in which oversight of such engagements is ensured at national level. — Ken O’Flynn. [32213/26]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which complaints or concerns regarding external speakers in schools are recorded, investigated, and escalated; and the number of such complaints received in each of the past five years. — Ken O’Flynn. [32214/26]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mechanisms in place to ensure that material delivered by external speakers is age-appropriate, balanced, and consistent with the curriculum and ethos of the school; and whether any guidance is issued to schools in this regard. — Ken O’Flynn. [32215/26]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that while boards of management have autonomy in school operations, there remains a requirement for national consistency in safeguarding standards relating to external speakers; and if she will outline where the line of accountability lies in cases where concerns arise. — Ken O’Flynn. [32216/26]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether any national guidance exists regarding conflicts of interests or transparency obligation for boards of management and parent associations; whether such bodies are required to maintain registers of interest; and whether she is satisfied that current governance arrangement ensure appropriate safeguarding and accountability in school level decision making. — Ken O’Flynn. [32217/26]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of legal cases taken against her Department by parents or guardians in order to secure a school place for their child for the 2025-2026 academic year; if her Department will cover the legal costs of parents who had to go to court to obtain a school placement for September 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32218/26]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether schools are under any obligation to provide or accept special education placements where capacity exists, particularly at post-primary level across all year groups; and the way consistency is ensured nationally where demand exceeds supply.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32259/26]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is satisfied that there is a consistent national system for identifying and publishing availability of special education places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32260/26]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the additional resources that will be made available to a school (details supplied) following the recent welcome announcements in respect of the DEIS programme; if she will detail the schedule being followed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32261/26]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the proposed accommodation project for a school (details supplied) under the Department's school building programme; and the stage at which the project currently sits within the capital appraisal process. — Ken O'Flynn. [32263/26]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reasons the proposed accommodation project for a school (details supplied) has not progressed to Stage 1B of the Department's capital approvals process, notwithstanding that an application was initially submitted in January 2020 and updated documentation was provided in August 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [32264/26]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expected timeline for the progression of a school (details supplied) accommodation project to Stage 1B; and whether a specific timeframe has been assigned within the Department. — Ken O'Flynn. [32265/26]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria used to prioritise school building projects for advancement within the capital programme; and how a school (details supplied) project ranks against those criteria. — Ken O'Flynn. [32266/26]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether consideration has been given to advancing a school (details supplied) accommodation project through a combined Stage 2A/2B process in light of the length of time elapsed since initial application; and if not, the reasons for same. — Ken O'Flynn. [32267/26]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether funding has been provisionally allocated for a school (detail supplied) accommodation project within the current or forthcoming capital budgets; and the quantum of such funding, if applicable. — Ken O'Flynn. [32268/26]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the extent of engagement between her Department and the management authorities of a school (detail supplied) since January 2020 in relation to the proposed accommodation project; and the dates and outcomes of such engagements. — Ken O'Flynn. [32269/26]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the accommodation needs of a school (details supplied) have been formally assessed by the Department; and if so, the findings of that assessment and the date on which it was completed. — Ken O'Flynn. [32270/26]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a school (detail supplied) accommodation project is currently included in the Department's published school building pipeline; and if so, the projected delivery timeframe associated with the project. — Ken O'Flynn. [32271/26]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's policy position on schools operating for extended periods without permanent accommodation; and the measures in place to address cases where such arrangements persist over multiple decades. — Ken O'Flynn. [32272/26]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the modular accommodation project for the second special class in a school (details supplied) in Durrow; the reason the design was not approved until 21 April 2026 despite the project commencing in mid-2025; the expected on-site commencement and operational dates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32275/26]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a school (details supplied) in Durrow has already completed enrolment and issued offers for a new special class due to open in September 2026 on the basis of promised modular accommodation that is now not expected until February 2027; the contingency arrangements being put in place for these pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32276/26]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average time taken from project commencement to on-site delivery under the new Modular Framework compared with the previous system; the number of special class modular projects currently delayed by more than six months; and the steps being taken to address these delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32277/26]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the interim accommodation options her Department is providing to schools that were promised modular special class accommodation for September 2026 but are now facing delays into 2027; if she will outline the policy in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32278/26]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm that the modular special class project for a school (details supplied) has been designated as urgent and prioritised; the criteria used to prioritise projects under the new Modular Framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32279/26]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to her Department or State bodies that are responsible to her Department.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32285/26]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the next announcement regarding the identification of schools for DEIS status is expected, having regard to the DEIS Strategy to 2035 and Implementation Plan 2026–2028; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [32299/26]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the national systems that exist to identify, track and allocate special education placements, including special classes and special school places, across all areas . — Ken O’Flynn. [32344/26]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the NCSE ‘notify parents system’ for special education placements is fully operational and used in all cases where new or vacated special class or special school places arise; if its use is mandatory for all schools and the NCSE; the compliance and monitoring mechanisms in place to ensure the system is consistently used; whether any audits have been conducted in each of the past three years; and the number of instances where special education placements were not recorded or notified through the system when they became available and what corrective actions are taken where non-compliance is identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [32345/26]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the NCSE ensures that all parents of children awaiting special education placements are engaged with in a consistent and equitable manner across all regions; and the safeguards in place to prevent variation in practice between NCSE areas. — Ken O’Flynn. [32346/26]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timelines that apply to NCSE engagement with parents once a special education need is identified; and the average time taken to first contact parents in each of the past three years. — Ken O'Flynn. [32347/26]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the records maintained by the NCSE to evidence engagement with parents regarding special education placements; and whether these records are subject to audit or independent review. — Ken O'Flynn. [32348/26]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a project (details supplied); to provide a timeline on its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32379/26]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will take immediate steps to address a dangerous site owned by her Department in Clonard Village, Wexford town (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [32402/26]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department is considering any solutions to help reduce the impact of driver and vehicle changes on sanctioned school transport routes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32406/26]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the application by a school (details supplied) in relation to urgent repairs needed for the roof of their PE hall; the actions she will take to ensure that it is progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32413/26]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the support mechanisms in place to ensure that repairs are urgently carried out on the roof of a PE hall for a school (details supplied). — Barry Ward. [32414/26]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of a request submitted on behalf of a school (details supplied) seeking the establishment of a dedicated school transport route from Ballyhaunis; whether this request has been assessed by her Department or Bus Éireann; and if she will outline the current status of this request. — Paul Lawless. [32428/26]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether pupils attending a school (details supplied) who reside in Ballyhaunis, are considered eligible for school transport under the school transport scheme where their nearest school was unable to offer places due to capacity constraints, as confirmed in writing by the local school; and the way in which such cases are assessed. — Paul Lawless. [32429/26]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeframe within which a decision is made to establish a new school transport route where a cohort of pupils currently 14 has applied; and whether arrangements can be put in place in advance of the upcoming academic year in September given the clear and ongoing need for safe and reliable transport. — Paul Lawless. [32430/26]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will list the location and number of autism classes attached to secondary schools in the Dublin 1 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [32444/26]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the location and number of autism classes attached to secondary schools in the Dublin 3 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32445/26]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the location and number of autism classes attached to secondary schools in the Dublin 7 area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32446/26]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for the continued exclusion of principals appointed after 2015 from receiving the secretarial allowance for acting as secretary to the board of management, given that principals appointed before this date continue to receive the allowance for carrying out the same statutory duties; whether a review of this inequity is underway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32450/26]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the current structure of principal release-day clusters to ensure that the calculation of base posts reflects the full scope of a principal’s management responsibilities, including the coordination and oversight of SNAs, bus escorts and teaching staff; if she will consider including these roles in the staffing thresholds used to determine release-day allocations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32451/26]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to health and safety concerns in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32483/26]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the planned upgrade for a school (details supplied); the actions she will take to progress this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32484/26]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the basis for her Department’s decision to refuse access to a sales contract which was requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (details supplied); and if she will provide an update on the status of the outstanding contractual amendments and the expected timeline for finalisation. — Shane Moynihan. [32496/26]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether there are plans to consider additional schools for inclusion in the DEIS programme; the timeframe for any such expansion, especially for schools that were established after the last review point; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [32497/26]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application by a school (details supplied) under the climate action summer works scheme 2026; if she is aware that the school; if she will ensure this application is prioritised for approval in the upcoming Tranche 2 of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32499/26]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm which body has ultimate statutory responsibility to ensure that every child is provided with an appropriate school place, including access to a special class or special school placement where required; and to outline the escalation and enforcement mechanisms where a place cannot be secured. — Ken O’Flynn. [32545/26]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm which body has ultimate responsibility for ensuring that a child assessed as requiring a special class or special school placement is provided with a place within a reasonable timeframe; and the statutory enforcement mechanisms that exist where schools do not engage with the NCSE in providing such places. — Ken O’Flynn. [32546/26]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and nature of regulations made under section 67 of the Education Act 1998 in each of the past five years; the policy purpose and practical application of those regulations in the education system; the specific education functions or operational areas those regulations support; whether any review has been undertaken regarding the effectiveness, necessity and impact of regulations made under this section in supporting education provision and oversight; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32548/26]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she is satisfied that the use of regulation making powers under section 67 of the Education Act 1998 continues to provide clear added value in the operation and oversight of the education system; whether any cost-benefit or effectiveness assessment has been carried out in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32549/26]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the total number of students who accessed the iScoil programme in 2025 and to date in 2026, with a breakdown by county; to confirm which authority makes the final decision on admission; to provide the number of students refused access or placed on a waiting list in 2025 and to date in 2026; the average time from referral to placement in each period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32551/26]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the iScoil programme is available to students who are unable to secure a mainstream school place and who are currently on reduced timetables or receiving limited home tuition, including cases where students are receiving as little as seven hours per week; whether such students are eligible for iScoil as an interim educational provision pending the securing of a full-time school placement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32552/26]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the role of Tusla Education Welfare Service in the referral, approval and allocation of places on the iScoil programme; whether Tusla acts as the primary gateway for access or can other agencies can directly initiate referrals; the criteria applied by Tusla when determining eligibility for iScoil; whether Tusla maintains a waiting list or prioritisation system for access to the programme; and to provide the number of referrals made to iScoil through Tusla Education Welfare Service in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, including the number accepted and refused in each period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32553/26]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the exact funding allocated by her Department to iScoil in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, specifying the funding stream, and whether it is provided on a grant, contract, or other basis; whether a written agreement, service level agreement, or formal performance framework exists governing the delivery of services by iScoil, and if so to outline its key terms; to set out the specific performance indicators, outcome measures, and reporting requirements used by the Department to assess delivery and effectiveness; and to confirm whether any audit, inspection, evaluation or compliance review of iScoil has been undertaken by the Department, its inspectorate, or any external body in the past

five years; and if so, to provide copies or dates and summaries of the findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32554/26]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provision that exists under the school transport scheme for children who have not secured a school place, including a special class or special school placement, by the closing date of the school transport application portal on 8 May; whether such children will retain eligibility for school transport once a place is subsequently allocated after that date; to confirm that no child will be excluded from school transport supports due to delays in securing a school place outside the control of parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32555/26]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mechanisms in place to address situations where a child with ADHD, ASD or other special educational needs is repeatedly disciplined for behaviours arising from their disability; whether her Department records suspension rates for neurodivergent pupils; if her Department has considered a review of reduced timetable arrangements, suspensions and information exclusions affecting neurodivergent students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [32558/26]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 838 of 18 March 2026, to provide clarity for when a school (details supplied) will receive further guidance on a report; if she is aware of the lack of communication the school has received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [32559/26]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department receives regular reports from the National Council for Special Education on the deployment, vacancy status and allocation of behaviour support practitioner posts across special schools; if so, the frequency, format and content of such reports; and if not, the reason no such reporting mechanism is in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [32572/26]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a centralised dataset is maintained by her Department, or on its behalf, recording the filling of behaviour support practitioner posts, including appointment dates, commencement dates and weekly hour allocations by school; and if so, if she will provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [32573/26]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm, based on information available to her Department, whether the behaviour support practitioner post allocated to Carrigaline Community Special School, Cork has been filled; and if not, the current status of that post and the expected timeline for the delivery of supports. — Ken O’Flynn. [32574/26]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth what governance and oversight arrangements are in place to ensure that behaviour support practitioner posts approved for special schools are filled and operational within a defined timeframe; and whether any service-level targets or performance indicators apply. — Ken O’Flynn. [32575/26]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of behaviour support practitioner posts approved by the National Council for Special Education for special schools nationally; the number currently filled; the number vacant; and the average time from approval to commencement of service. — Ken O’Flynn. [32576/26]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider extending the temporary suspension of the 90-day subbing limit for teachers on career break, as currently

provided for in Information Note TC/IN 0005/2025, to the 2026-2027 school year; if she is aware that the ongoing teacher shortage and recruitment challenges in primary and post-primary schools require the continued availability of experienced substitute teachers; if her Department will provide early clarity to teachers and school management on these arrangements for the 2026-2027 academic year to assist with staffing and career planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32783/26]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason bus companies were asked to submit BAFO's when they were the only operator for a route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32785/26]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the age of school bus drivers cannot be extended (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32786/26]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when construction will begin on a new school building (details supplied); the timeline for completion of the works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [32801/26]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the known number of bus escorts in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32802/26]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the policy on private companies offering free cooking demonstrations in primary schools, which could be seen as an opportunity to promote their products for sale; whether this is a decision solely for the board of management of a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32836/26]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if schools which do not currently have DEIS status can submit an appeal with a view to being included in the programme; the way in which schools can submit such an appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [32873/26]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the proposal from a school (details supplied) in relation to the acquisition of a plot of land for a new recreational area; the actions she will take to progress this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32933/26]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she can confirm receipt of a proposal from a school (details supplied) in relation to the acquisition of a plot of land for a new recreational area; if this is under review within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32934/26]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the mechanisms in place to support a school (details supplied) in relation to the acquisition of a plot of land for a new recreational area; the actions she will take to progress this proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32935/26]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will facilitate a meeting with management of a school (details supplied) in relation to the acquisition of a plot of land for a new

recreational area; if this is under review within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32936/26]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if assistance can be provided regarding a teacher registration (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32943/26]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will meet with a group in relation to building a special school (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [32974/26]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the grants available for scouting organisations from her Department; whether any of these can be used for international trips; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [32976/26]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rule for DEIS Plus school applications when they are within 700 metres of another school granted DEIS Plus status, in general and with regard to a school in Dublin 10 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [33034/26]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33035/26]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a response to correspondence from a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [33056/26]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a full breakdown of all special classes in County Mayo, including the number of places in each class, current occupancy levels, and projected availability for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [33057/26]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in County Mayo who have been identified by psychologists and SENOs as requiring a special class or special school placement for September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [33058/26]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in County Mayo who are expected to attend mainstream schools with SNA support in September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [33059/26]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the Department's plan to ensure that all children identified as requiring a special class or special school placement in County Mayo for September 2026 will be accommodated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [33060/26]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the ongoing training and support that is provided to teachers and SNAs in County Mayo to enable them to support children with complex needs, particularly in cases where therapy services are understaffed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [33061/26]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the policy regarding transport provision for special schools; the reason a special school in County Mayo has had to fundraise for a school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [33062/26]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether schools operating under the block grant scheme are considered to be within the special education teaching (SET) allocation model for the purposes of Circular 0013/2026; if so, the reason such schools have not been allocated SET co-ordination hours in line with other schools within that model; if not, the basis on which they are considered outside the model, given that Circular 0014/2017 explicitly includes schools in the free education scheme and the block grant scheme within the special education allocation framework; whether her Department intends to review such a position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [33063/26]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the anomaly between the fee for Leaving Certificate and the fee charged to repeat the Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [33136/26]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration can be given to universal access application to future proof a school’s access (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [33137/26]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the review of the assistive technology scheme for primary and post-primary schools, as referenced in the WHO Assistive Technology Capacity Assessment in Ireland (2026); when revised arrangements are expected to be implemented; whether the revised scheme will move from a diagnosis-led model to a functional, needs-based model of provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33148/26]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the WHO report’s finding that assistive technology funded through schools is generally owned by the school rather than the pupil, resulting in loss of access during transitions, including from primary to post-primary education; if she will consider reforms to support student-centred continuity of assistive technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33149/26]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she is taking, in conjunction with the Department of Health, to ensure that pupils who rely on assistive technology do not experience a loss of equipment, training or support during transitions, including progression to further or higher education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33150/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department’s role in the proposed cross-departmental National Assistive Technology Programme, recommended in the WHO report; the way such a programme will improve equity, consistency and timeliness of assistive technology delivery in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33151/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures in place to ensure that assistive technology provided to pupils is supported by ongoing training, technical support and follow-up, rather than being limited to initial equipment provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33152/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she supports the recommendation in the WHO report to establish regional assistive technology hubs, including loan libraries and specialist expertise; whether her Department will engage with this model to support schools dealing with complex assistive technology needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33153/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the eligibility concerns relating to the (SEC) RACE scheme raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [33156/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the school building project for a school (details supplied); the current stage of the project within her Department's capital programme, the expected timeline for progression to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [33184/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports her Department will provide to a primary school (details supplied) considering the large increase incoming for the junior infants in September 2026 and lack of accommodation available on site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [33230/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on an incremental credit application submitted to her Department; if she will outline the expected timeframe for processing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33232/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding the proposed building extension for a school (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [33310/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update in relation to a new school building project (details supplied); and if the Stage 1 Addendum Report has been fully assessed. — Séamus McGrath. [33313/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the positive behaviour support (PBS) approach despite being the framework embedded in existing Irish legislation is not currently mandated for implementation within the education sector; if she is aware of reports from clinical professionals that the approach is not being applied in a meaningful or consistent way across schools; and if her Department will take steps to ensure its uniform adoption to align with statutory requirements and best practices. — Cathal Crowe. [33317/26]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason specific and significant qualifications, equivalent to those required in adult services and other mandated sectors, are not mandatory for individuals providing guidance, training, and support regarding behaviours of concern within the education sector; the reason a level 9 Master's Degree in Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) and substantial supervised experience under a chartered behavioural psychologist are not prerequisites for these roles; and her plans to standardise professional requirements for behaviour specialists in schools. — Cathal Crowe. [33318/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will provide the shortfall in funding to complete the construction of a school (details supplied), and to make it operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [33322/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a school building project (details supplied) to bring the school which is spread over two sites onto one site; when the building project will commence; the reason for any delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [33352/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the date on which she will visit a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33353/26]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline whether any fee exemption or partial relief is available for families with more than one student sitting the Leaving Certificate in the same year, and if she is considering introducing such a measure. — Erin McGreehan. [33363/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is considering a review of the medical card only exemption for leaving certificate fees in light of concerns about its fairness, consistency; and the absence of any exemption or partial relief for families who do not qualify for a medical card. — Erin McGreehan. [33364/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in her capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33378/26]

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

*465. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been drawn to areas that are unable to get fibre broadband installed due to having direct buried leads; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31900/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any engagement he has had with an organisation (detail supplied) in relation to the provision of fibre broadband in estates that have direct buried leads, making the installation of fibre broadband more costly and difficult; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31901/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of residents in (details supplied) in relation to not being able to get access to fibre broadband due to their houses having direct buried leads, making the installation of fibre broadband more costly and difficult; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31902/26]

*468. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to increase the number of public swimming pools available in Dublin 8 and Dublin 12. — Jen Cummins. [31926/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding available for communities to establish a public pool where there is none. — Jen Cummins. [31927/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is satisfied that the National Library is fulfilling its stated mission ‘to make accessible the recorded memory of Ireland’ by declining to actually physically exhibit a limited number of original pleading letters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [32005/26]

*471. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the available guidelines for adult safeguarding for adult members of sports clubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [32051/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there are plans to introduce legislation whereby companies such as EIR increase the retirement age beyond 65 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32074/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32283/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding his Department has provided, directly and indirectly, to the League of Ireland per annum for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32809/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide the designated member email addresses for each of the State agencies under the aegis of his Department. — Conor D. McGuinness. [33306/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if a person (details supplied) will be issued with an invitation to attend the Irish Famine Commemoration in Portumna Workhouse on 17 May 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [33314/26]

*477. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a progress report on each of the 149 recommendations contained within the recent Arts Council report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33365/26]

*478. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33376/26]

*479. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the supports available to community sports clubs in County Laois seeking funding for facility upgrades, including floodlighting, dressing rooms and all-weather pitches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [33393/26]

*480. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the additional supports being considered for local sports clubs facing increased operational and energy costs, particularly volunteer-led organisations in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [33395/26]

*481. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being put in place to support the sustainability of local and regional media outlets in light of changing advertising revenues and increased digital competition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [33396/26]

*482. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress being made in expanding investment in community arts, cultural infrastructure and heritage projects outside major urban centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [33397/26]

*483. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the actions being taken to improve participation in sport and physical activity among young people, particularly in disadvantaged and rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [33398/26]

*484. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has conducted an audit of sports facilities in north Kildare per head of population; the findings of the audit; if not, to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [33429/26]

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

*485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will introduce a mandatory amenity plan for local authorities to put on future housing developments to ensure recreational amenities are introduced alongside all new housing, as outlined in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [33430/26]

*486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the latest update on discussions his Department has had with Dublin City Council or the Land Development Agency in relation to the Ballymun Shopping Centre site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [31856/26]

*487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount allocated to each local authority in 2024 and 2025 under the housing adaptation grant for older people and people with a disability (HAG), the mobility aids grant (MAG), and the housing aid for older people (HOP) schemes; the amount drawn down by each local authority in those years; the level of underspend, recorded by each local authority; and if unutilised funding from local authorities that do not draw down their full allocation can be reallocated to local authorities that have exhausted their allocation or demonstrated additional demand, in order to reduce waiting lists and ensure full use of the national budget for these schemes. — Paula Butterly. [31871/26]

*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given to purchasing lands at Lugnaquilla to provide a new national park; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31879/26]

*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the public campaign requesting the Government to purchase lands at Lugnaquilla with a view to providing a new national park; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [31880/26]

*490. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether data is collected on residential property purchases by non-EEA nationals holding temporary immigration permissions; and if so, to provide relevant figures. — Peadar Tóibín. [31891/26]

*491. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will consider the acquisition of the 1,527-acre land parcel, including the summit of Lugnaquilla, County Wicklow, due for auction on 1 May 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31929/26]

*492. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending Part L of the Building Regulations to introduce a mandatory requirement that all new-build residential properties be equipped with an on-site renewable energy system such as solar panels or other appropriate technologies together with integrated battery storage solutions (details supplied). — Paula Butterly. [31944/26]

*493. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to amend the croí cónaithe grant process so that applicants may draw down funds on the basis of a completion certificate issued by a local qualified engineer, rather than being required to submit all receipts prior to payment; if his Department will carry out audits requiring applicants to retain all receipts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [31967/26]

*494. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the financial shortfall being experienced by applicants who do not have access to bridging finance under the defective concrete blocks scheme; if he is aware of the impact of the requirement to retain 10% of the approved grant, combined with the additional retrospective top-up (up to the €462,000 maximum) only being payable upon completion of works; whether consideration will be given to revising the payment structure to alleviate upfront financial burdens, particularly for applicants who are unable to secure loans from financial institutions; if he will review the interaction between the grant scheme and other supports, including SEAI energy upgrade grants, to ensure applicants are not placed under undue financial strain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [31976/26]

*495. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the budget for cost rental for 2026 will be increased to take account of inflation due to the Iran war and its impact on making cost rental viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32027/26]

*496. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the secure tenancy affordable rental investment scheme will be put to the market as an available and viable option in regional growth centres outside of the cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32028/26]

*497. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the capital budget for cost rental is fully allocated for 2026; if additional resources will be made available to support AHBs with the purchase of additional cost rental apartments that will be delivered in the Dublin area in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32029/26]

*498. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual housing delivery targets currently in place, broken down by tenure including private, social, affordable purchase and cost rental; the methodology used to determine these targets having regard to projected population growth and housing demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32043/26]

*499. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legislative or planning reforms under consideration to facilitate higher density housing, including apartments and duplexes, in existing urban areas, particularly in Dublin; the current status of any such proposals; the expected timeline for their introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32044/26]

*500. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and proportion of homes expected to be delivered annually under current policy that will be social housing, affordable purchase and cost rental; whether specific targets have been set for the share of such housing within overall supply in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32045/26]

*501. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the latest available estimate of zoned but undeveloped residential land in the State; the breakdown for Dublin or by local authority area; the estimated housing capacity of such land; the measures currently in place or under consideration to ensure such land is brought into active use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32046/26]

*502. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assessments that have been carried out by his Department on the impact of current and proposed rent regulation measures on the supply of rental accommodation, including any available analysis of landlord exits or changes in rental listings; the steps being taken to maintain adequate rental supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32047/26]

*503. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether carer's allowance can be included as income in assessing the amount of HAP a person can receive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [32063/26]

*504. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [32106/26]

*505. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department, or any agency under its remit including the National Parks and Wildlife Service, has undertaken any ecological, biodiversity, or conservation assessment of the area known as Murphy's Rock in Cork; and if so, to provide details of such assessments, including dates, scope, and findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [32107/26]

*506. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the area known as Murphy's Rock in Cork is currently designated or proposed for designation under any national or EU environmental protection frameworks, including special areas of conservation, special protection areas, or natural heritage areas; and if not, the reason it has not been considered for such designation. — Ken O'Flynn. [32108/26]

*507. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria applied by his Department in determining whether a natural site may be considered for inclusion on Ireland's UNESCO tentative list for natural heritage, biosphere reserve, or geopark status; and whether sites of significant biodiversity value such as Murphy's Rock could meet these criteria. — Ken O'Flynn. [32109/26]

*508. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the formal process by which a natural site in the State may be advanced for consideration under UNESCO frameworks, including World Heritage, Biosphere Reserve, or Global Geopark designation; and the role of his Department in initiating or supporting such nominations. — Ken O'Flynn. [32110/26]

*509. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has considered, or will consider, the ecological and natural heritage value of Murphy's Rock in Cork as part of any future proposals for UNESCO designation, including biosphere reserve or geopark status. — Ken O'Flynn. [32111/26]

*510. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any gaps have been identified in ecological or biodiversity data relating to Murphy's Rock in Cork which would prevent its consideration for national or international designation; and whether further surveys or studies are planned. — Ken O'Flynn. [32112/26]

*511. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered a rent-to-buy scheme including a State component (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [32130/26]

*512. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process in place for a person who has literacy issues, who receives a social housing income assessment but does not fill it out in time or fully understand the document. — Thomas Gould. [32144/26]

*513. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether it is possible for a person to nominate an appointed contact person for their social housing application. — Thomas Gould. [32145/26]

*514. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of AHB units funded under CALF in 2025; the number of schemes this applied to; and the number of schemes of less than 20 units that currently have funding under CALF. — Thomas Gould. [32146/26]

*515. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of AHB units funded under CAS in 2025; the number of schemes this applied to; and the number of schemes of less than 20 units that currently have funding under CAS. — Thomas Gould. [32147/26]

*516. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he has taken to resolve issues with funding for smaller AHBs delivering special needs housing units. — Thomas Gould. [32148/26]

*517. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided to AHBs delivering special needs housing units for new units in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [32149/26]

*518. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time from initial application to approval for CAS funding projects. — Thomas Gould. [32150/26]

*519. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [32176/26]

*520. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32291/26]

*521. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [32365/26]

*522. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will take steps to ensure that Daingean Fire Station County Offaly is made operational (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32394/26]

*523. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of active HAP and RAS tenancies on 1 November 2025; and to provide a total number for each scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32781/26]

*524. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will finally commence the defective concrete block scheme for social housing. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32840/26]

*525. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason families who are currently rebuilding/ remediating their homes under the defective concrete block grant scheme cannot avail of the increased cap of €462,000 all at once rather than having to work to the previous cap of €420,000 and then separately apply for the difference of €42,000; and if he will amend the regulations to avoid this unnecessary additional bureaucracy and financial burden for traumatised families. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32841/26]

*526. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No.1759 of 14 April 2026, to outline the administrative processes between now, including the Order, and the date on which the scheme will be available in Meath; exactly which ‘relevant parts of Meath County Council’ are to be designated part of the DCB scheme, that is, whether it includes the whole of county, or particular municipal districts, geographical areas or individual properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32967/26]

*527. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average processing time for first registration applications in each year from 2020 to 2025; the current average processing time in 2026 to date; and the number of applications currently awaiting examination for more than 6 months, 12 months and 24 months. — Ken O’Flynn. [33065/26]

*528. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of first registration applications currently on hand within Tailte Éireann; the proportion of those applications not yet assigned to an examiner; and the longest recorded waiting time before initial examination. — Ken O’Flynn. [33066/26]

*529. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the formal criteria applied by Tailte Éireann when determining whether a first registration application qualifies for expedited processing; the number of expedition requests received in each of the past three years; and the proportion approved. — Ken O’Flynn. [33067/26]

*530. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether time-sensitive financial circumstances, including risk to mortgage approval or drawdown, are recognised as grounds for expedition of first registration applications; and whether any formal policy guidance exists in this regard. — Ken O’Flynn. [33068/26]

*531. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of first registration applications rejected or returned with requisitions more than once in each of the past three years; and whether Tailte Éireann has undertaken any review of systemic issues contributing to repeated rejection cycles. — Ken O’Flynn. [33069/26]

*532. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any internal review has been conducted within Tailte Éireann regarding the consistency and clarity of requisitions issued to applicants in first registration cases; and whether guidance has been updated to reduce repeat submissions. — Ken O’Flynn. [33070/26]

*533. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of examiners assigned to first registration applications within Tailte Éireann in each year from 2020 to 2026; and whether additional resources have been allocated to address current delays. — Ken O’Flynn. [33071/26]

*534. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether formal performance targets exist for the processing of first registration applications within Tailte Éireann; and if so, the target timelines and current performance against those targets. — Ken O’Flynn. [33072/26]

*535. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what reforms or digitalisation measures have been introduced since 2020 to improve the efficiency of first registration processing; and what measurable impact these measures have had on processing times. — Ken O’Flynn. [33073/26]

*536. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what oversight mechanisms are in place within his Department to monitor delays and service performance in Tailte Éireann; and whether any formal escalation framework exists for cases experiencing prolonged delays. — Ken O’Flynn. [33074/26]

*537. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to increase the housing adaptation grants scheme given the increase in construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [33077/26]

*538. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the nationality breakdown of adults recorded in emergency accommodation in each month from January 2024 to the most recent date available, including a breakdown by (i) Irish citizens, (ii) EU/EEA citizens, and (iii) non-EU nationals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33244/26]

*539. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether data is collected, either by his Department or by local authorities, on the immigration or legal status of persons in emergency accommodation, including categories such as (i) international protection applicants, (ii) beneficiaries of temporary protection, (iii) refugees with status, (iv) EU/EEA nationals, and (v) Irish citizens; and if so, to provide the most recent available breakdown; and if not, the reason such data is not collected. — Ken O’Flynn. [33245/26]

*540. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons in emergency accommodation who are also in the international protection system, including those awaiting a decision on their application, in each of the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33246/26]

*541. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the gender breakdown of adults in emergency accommodation, including male, female and any other recorded categories, for each of the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33247/26]

*542. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the age profile of persons in emergency accommodation, including breakdowns by age cohorts (for example 18–24, 25–44, 45–64, 65+), for the most recent period available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33248/26]

*543. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of persons in emergency accommodation by household type, including single adults, couples, and families with children, and the proportion of each category accounted for by Irish citizens and non-Irish nationals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33249/26]

*544. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons in emergency accommodation for (i) less than 6 months, (ii) 6–12 months, (iii) 1–2 years, and (iv) more than 2 years, and whether such data is disaggregated by nationality or immigration status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33250/26]

*545. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the data collection framework used to compile official homelessness statistics, including whether standardised data fields exist across local authorities for nationality, immigration status, and household composition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33251/26]

*546. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether nationality data is collected in respect of children in emergency accommodation; if not, the reason for this omission; and whether there are plans to introduce such data collection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33252/26]

*547. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department engages with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, to align data on homelessness and international protection applicants, including shared datasets or reporting mechanisms; and if so, to outline the structure of that coordination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33253/26]

*548. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there is variation between local authorities in the application of eligibility criteria, access thresholds, or data collection practices in respect of emergency accommodation; whether any national standardisation framework is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33265/26]

*549. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department maintains a forward projection or demand model for emergency accommodation needs; if so, the assumptions underpinning that model, including population growth and

migration-related factors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33266/26]

*550. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of emergency accommodation provision by type, including hotels, bed and breakfast accommodation, family hubs and other facilities; the proportion of total capacity each represents; and whether any policy exists to reduce reliance on higher-cost accommodation types; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33267/26]

*551. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the recorded outcomes for persons exiting emergency accommodation, including transition to social housing, private rental, return to family accommodation or other outcomes; and whether such outcomes are analysed by household type or nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33268/26]

*552. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether a whole-of-government strategy exists linking housing policy with migration and population planning; if so, to outline the governance structure underpinning that coordination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33269/26]

*553. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33384/26]

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

*554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider extending the eligibility criteria for the fuel allowance scheme to include people on short-term payment schemes such as jobseekers benefit.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [31810/26]

*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when he plans to compile and publish a pre-approved list of suppliers for schools participating in the Hot School Meals Programme (details supplied); if he will ensure that, in developing these county-based supplier lists, priority is given to local suppliers using locally sourced produce, in order to support sustainable food systems, reduce food miles and strengthen local economies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [31903/26]

*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures he will put in place to ensure that the Hot School Meals Programme supports local employment, delivers freshly prepared meals on a daily basis and ensures the programme supports sustainability and local economic development across all eligible providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [31904/26]

*557. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to households where a family member requires continuous electrically powered medical equipment, including oxygen machines, resulting in substantially increased electricity bills; if additional supports are available through the exceptional needs payment system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31912/26]

*558. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility criteria for the electricity allowance under the household benefits package; if medical dependency on electricity is considered in eligibility decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31913/26]

*559. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of exceptional needs payments issued in each of the past three years to assist households with electricity costs; the total expenditure incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31914/26]

*560. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider the introduction of a dedicated support payment or allowance for households where a person is medically dependent on continuous electrically powered medical equipment such as oxygen concentrators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31915/26]

*561. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will arrange for an official from the NSSO to meet with a person (details supplied) to discuss any under or over payment in their pension calculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [32003/26]

*562. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to change the eligibility criteria for the back-to-work enterprise allowance scheme to include individuals who are signing on for PRSI credits but who do not receive a payment due to means; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32034/26]

*563. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there has been engagement with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment to examine the way in which energy retrofit and solar supports can better assist older persons on fixed incomes, including those in receipt of the State pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32040/26]

*564. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a worker who paid Class A PRSI contributions up to 2022 (details supplied) before becoming self-employed, is excluded from illness benefit during a short term illness despite having a substantial contribution record; if he accepts that this creates a gap in income protection for self-employed individuals; and if he will outline any plans to extend illness benefit or introduce a short term illness support for class S contributors. — Paula Butterly. [32099/26]

*565. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any funding assistance can be offered to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32141/26]

*566. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the procedures in place to detect the use of forged or AI generated documents submitted in support of social welfare claims; whether his Department has experienced an increase in suspected fraud involving forged or AI generated documentation in the past three years; the number of cases referred to investigation annually since 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32180/26]

*567. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of people who have been in receipt of jobseeker’s allowance or jobseeker’s benefit continuously since December 2019; the ages and geographical locations of these recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32228/26]

*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32295/26]

*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff that are currently inactive employed by his Department or any organisation with responsibility to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32315/26]

*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for assistance in relation to an invalidity pension application for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32452/26]

*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for jobseeker's allowance that were refused in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32821/26]

*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a payment for a person (details supplied); if there is an update on a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32850/26]

*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the process for primary and secondary school teachers with temporary/substitute contracts to apply for jobseeker's benefit during the holiday periods where they do not receive payment from the Department of Education and Youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [32959/26]

*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to establish a system in which education sector workers who claim jobseeker's payment during the summer months, Christmas holidays, Easter holidays and mid-term breaks could apply for this benefit weeks in advance of said holidays, to facilitate their applications being processed prior to the break in payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [32960/26]

*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a process will be considered where seasonal workers, including teachers with temporary contracts, can apply for jobseeker's benefit in advance of the summer, allowing their payment decision to be paid before their contract ends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [32961/26]

*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of extending the fuel allowance to all those in receipt of the carer's allowance payment, where this is the only qualifying criteria to receive the fuel allowance. — Mark Wall. [32968/26]

*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any allowances, other than the carer's allowance, which require the recipient to work at least 35 hours per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32969/26]

*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance can be provided regarding a disability allowance application (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32973/26]

*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Department's estimated proportion of an average household electricity and natural gas bill currently covered by the €1.15 per day allowance, using the most recent available national data sources; and if he will outline the methodology used to derive this estimate. — Ken O'Flynn. [33019/26]

*580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated proportion of an average household electricity and natural gas bill covered by the allowance at the time of its introduction in 2013, and the equivalent estimated proportion in 2026; and if he will outline the basis for these estimates. — Ken O’Flynn. [33020/26]

*581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has utilised or considered data from the Central Statistics Office, Commission for Regulation of Utilities, or Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in assessing the adequacy of the electricity and gas allowance; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [33021/26]

*582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the electricity and natural gas allowance has been subject to a Value for Money or policy evaluation review since 2013, in line with the Public Spending Code; and if so, to provide the date and outcome of any such review. — Ken O’Flynn. [33023/26]

*583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the policy rationale for maintaining a flat-rate cash allowance introduced in 2013 without periodic recalibration, and whether alternative models, including indexed or usage-based supports, have been formally assessed. — Ken O’Flynn. [33024/26]

*584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has undertaken any comparative analysis between increases in Fuel Allowance and the static electricity/gas allowance, including whether one scheme is intended to compensate for the other; and if he will provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [33025/26]

*585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether an impact assessment has been conducted on recipients of the Household Benefits Package who do not qualify for Fuel Allowance, and the extent to which these households may face a gap in energy support. — Ken O’Flynn. [33026/26]

*586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any specific proposals have been developed to revise the structure of the electricity and gas allowance, including seasonal weighting or indexation to energy prices; and if so, to outline the status of such proposals. — Ken O’Flynn. [33027/26]

*587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether a formal review of the electricity and natural gas allowance will be completed in advance of Budget 2027, and if he will provide a defined timeline and scope for that review. — Ken O’Flynn. [33028/26]

*588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance can be offered to the processing of an ARP application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33040/26]

*589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider increasing the means-test threshold for the supplementary welfare allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [33075/26]

*590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine the case of an individual (details supplied) regarding a State Pension (non-contributory); if a senior official from his Department can engage with the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33144/26]

*591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of an application for the carer's allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [33312/26]

*592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients in 2025 and 2026 to date of recipients of illness benefit and invalidity pension. — Paul Murphy. [33319/26]

*593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the number of recipients of invalidity pension has fallen since 2020 and increased by only 1% between 2015 and 2014, at a time when the number in receipt of other social protection payments such as carer's allowance and disability allowance have increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33320/26]

*594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the number of recipients of illness benefit fell between 2015 and 2024 by more than 9%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33321/26]

*595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33330/26]

*596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33388/26]

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

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people involved in relaying 999 calls, between receipt of the call and the allocation of a Garda to respond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [31815/26]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific information that was accessible on the Garda mobility app in relation to the national vehicle and driver file before and after the recent pilot in Kildare/Carlow which now seems to give full access to the NVDF, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [31831/26]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of family reunifications that have been granted to people living in Ireland on a stamp 1 visas for each of the last five years; and the number that have been given the right to come to Ireland under these family reunifications for each of the past five years, broken down by the top five countries and other countries if possible. — Peadar Tóibín. [31868/26]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether people on a stamp 1 visa are allowed to buy homes in Ireland; and if so, the reason. — Peadar Tóibín. [31869/26]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown of the number of people, by occupation, granted a stamp 1 visa for the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [31870/26]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a cross-departmental review has been undertaken into the interaction between international education policy, migration pathways, labour market needs and housing supply; and whether the Government is satisfied that these policies are sufficiently aligned. — Peadar Tóibín. [31892/26]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the original policy rationale and intended purpose of the stamp 1G immigration permission; and the way in which it is distinguished, in practice, from longer-term employment or residency permissions. — Peadar Tóibín. [31893/26]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of stamp 1G permissions issued in each of the past five years, broken down by sector of qualification and permission category; and to indicate any notable trends identified by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [31894/26]

*605. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the mechanisms in place to monitor compliance with the conditions of stamp 1G permissions, including the extent to which holders remain engaged in the purpose for which the permission was granted. — Peadar Tóibín. [31895/26]

*606. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proportion of stamp 1G holders who subsequently transitioned to other longer-term residency permissions; and to provide data for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [31896/26]

*607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether an internal or external review has been conducted into whether the stamp 1G route is functioning as originally intended; and if not, whether such a review is planned. — Peadar Tóibín. [31897/26]

*608. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the circumstances under which holders of stamp 1G permissions may apply for family reunification; and to clarify the way in which this aligns with the temporary nature of the permission. — Peadar Tóibín. [31898/26]

*609. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the safeguards in place to ensure that family reunification permissions granted to temporary permission holders of stamp 1 and stamp 2 visas do not create unintended long-term residency pathways. — Peadar Tóibín. [31899/26]

*610. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the work of the Joint Independent Expert on Paramilitary Group Transition to Disbandment, in particular if the August 2026 reporting deadline will be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [32014/26]

*611. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of ongoing internal inquiries and suspensions in relation to staff members in the National Bureau of Criminal Investigation. — Paul Murphy. [32062/26]

*612. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether there is a national Garda informant framework and a code of ethics for high-echelon intelligence sources; and if not, whether the production of such a framework and code of ethics will be prioritised. — Paul Murphy. [32076/26]

*613. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measured being taken to speed up the processing of IRP renewal applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32102/26]

*614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IRP renewal applications received by his Department; the number accepted, and the number rejected, per year from 2015 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32103/26]

*615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IRP renewal applications received by his Department; the number accepted, and the number rejected, per month to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32104/26]

*616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IRP renewal applications received by his Department; the number accepted, and the number rejected, per month in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32105/26]

*617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of unmarked motorcycles currently attached to Garda roads policing unit fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [32129/26]

*618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of arrests recorded under the drive programme in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [32137/26]

*619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reports of drug related intimidation received in each of the past five years respectively in Cork, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [32138/26]

*620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions he has taken to address drug related intimidation in Cork in the past 12 months. — Thomas Gould. [32139/26]

*621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a specific offence exists for drug related intimidation; and whether he will consider introducing same. — Thomas Gould. [32140/26]

*622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a breakdown of expenditure by the International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) in South Dublin for each of the past five years, including expenditure relating to accommodation centres located at locations (details supplied); and to indicate the costs associated with each location. — Peadar Tóibín. [32184/26]

*623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS accommodation centres that are currently operating in South Dublin, and to list the location of each centre. — Peadar Tóibín. [32185/26]

*624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures in place where an individual is removed from an IPAS accommodation centre due to breaches of house rules or behavioural issues, including the alternative arrangements, if any, that are made for

such individuals; and to indicate whether data is maintained on the number of removals for behavioural reasons in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [32186/26]

*625. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the process that applies where an individual has been refused permission to remain in the State, including the steps taken from the point of refusal to deportation or voluntary return. — Peadar Tóibín. [32187/26]

*626. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the length of time, on average, individuals who have been refused permission to remain in the State continue to reside in IPAS accommodation; and whether there are statutory or administrative limits on such stays. — Peadar Tóibín. [32188/26]

*627. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department maintains oversight of individuals who have been refused permission to remain in the State but have not yet been deported, including where such individuals are residing; and the monitoring arrangements, if any, are in place. — Peadar Tóibín. [32189/26]

*628. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of individuals refused permission to remain in the State in each of the last five years; the number subsequently deported; the number remaining in the State; and if he is aware of the location of each of these individuals. — Peadar Tóibín. [32190/26]

*629. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he receives regular reports on the status of individuals who have been refused permission to remain in the State but remain present in the State; and if so, the nature and frequency of such reports. — Peadar Tóibín. [32191/26]

*630. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the citizenship status of children born in Ireland to parents who are living in the State under the Temporary Protection Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [32241/26]

*631. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32292/26]

*632. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for civil restraining orders received annually between 2023 and 2026; the number approved or refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32319/26]

*633. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of civil restraining orders granted from 2023 to 2026 related to domestic violence cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32320/26]

*634. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who have been arrested, prosecuted, incarcerated for simple drug possession; and if possible, to provide the substance, location, age and gender for each offence, for each of the years from 2015 to 2025 and to date in 2026. — Tom Brabazon. [32356/26]

*635. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the rationale for deferring the restoration of the final 8% of District Court criminal legal aid fees until 1 July 2026; whether he will consider bringing forward this restoration in light of concerns raised by the Bar of Ireland

regarding the impact on access to justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32500/26]

*636. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has assessed the impact that the deferral of District Court fee restoration is having on the availability of experienced barristers willing to take on criminal legal aid work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32501/26]

*637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeline for the substantive review of District Court fees announced by his Department; the terms of reference for that review; the stakeholders being consulted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32502/26]

*638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has reviewed the operation of the flat-fee model for District Court criminal legal aid; whether he is aware of concerns raised by the Bar of Ireland that the model penalises defence lawyers for procedural delay and adjournments necessitated by essential procedural steps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32503/26]

*639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has data on the number of experienced practitioners who have ceased taking on District Court criminal legal aid work over the past three years; the steps being taken to prevent an exodus of senior practitioners from this area of practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32504/26]

*640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the substantive or administrative overlap between solicitors’ fees and barristers’ fees in District Court legal aid matters; whether his Department intends to review this overlap as part of the broader fee review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32505/26]

*641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of interim protection orders granted under the Domestic Violence Act 2018 in each of the past five years, broken down by court area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32506/26]

*642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average duration for which interim protection orders remain in place pending a full hearing; whether his Department has assessed the impact of prolonged interim periods on parties to such proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32507/26]

*643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department intends to review the operation of interim protection orders under the Domestic Violence Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32508/26]

*644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of pre-legislative scrutiny of the Civil Reform Bill 2025 by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice; the expected publication date of the draft Bill; the timeline for its progression through the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32509/26]

*645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to the announcement that the proposal to initiate certain judicial review applications in the Circuit Court is being

dropped; the specific reforms now proposed within the High Court process to deliver the efficiencies originally sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32510/26]

*646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his response to concerns raised by the Bar of Ireland and human rights organisations during pre-legislative scrutiny that the proposed public-interest test in judicial review proceedings under the Civil Reform Bill 2025 may place unnecessary barriers in the path of citizens seeking remedy in court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32511/26]

*647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason certain provisions in the Civil Reform Bill 2025 depart from the recommendations of the Kelly Report; whether he will consider amendments during legislative scrutiny to align the Bill more closely with those recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32512/26]

*648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Civil Reform Bill 2025, as currently drafted, includes adequate safeguards for effective court oversight in public law litigation, particularly given concerns raised about the proposed standing and public-interest tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32513/26]

*649. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has received any briefing from An Garda Síochána concerning the policing of the recent Whitegate refinery protests in County Cork, including public safety planning, use of force, deployment scale and inter-agency coordination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32752/26]

*650. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total cost, if available to his Department, of the Garda policing operation associated with the recent Whitegate refinery protests in County Cork, including overtime, transport, logistics, catering, subsistence and accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32757/26]

*651. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has requested or received any post-operation assessment from An Garda Síochána concerning the policing of the recent Whitegate refinery protests, including the adequacy of planning, medical preparedness, proportionality of enforcement action and use of force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32769/26]

*652. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the funding that will be made available to Wicklow Courthouse to enable Wicklow County Council to carry out necessary refurbishment and restoration works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32784/26]

*653. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of unmarked Garda Public Order Unit Vans currently within the Garda Fleet. — Sorca Clarke. [32828/26]

*654. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of method-of-entry courses that were held within the Meath-Westmeath Division in 2025 and to-date in 2026; the number of Gardaí that participated in each of those courses, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32829/26]

*655. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will fully clarify the criteria regarding access to Visa's for non-EU students to attend English language schools in Ireland; and to outline the criteria which determines how a particular school qualifies for access to this visa programme. — Robert Troy. [32872/26]

*656. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department will request the Legal Aid Board to develop a methodology to estimate the full cost of legal aid services provided to international protection applicants, including pay, law centre overheads, administrative costs, private practitioner costs, counsel fees, interpretation, translation, medical reports and related service-delivery costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32905/26]

*657. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Legal Aid Board records the outcome of international protection cases in which it provides legal assistance, including grants of protection, refusals, appeals lodged, appeals allowed, appeals withdrawn and appeals refused; if not, whether he considers this a data gap in the oversight of publicly funded legal services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32906/26]

*658. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has asked the Legal Aid Board to record legal aid expenditure in international protection cases by stage, including initial application, interview preparation, written representations, appeal preparation and appeal hearing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32907/26]

*659. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any target, benchmark or performance indicator exists for the cost per completed international protection legal aid case; if not, whether he intends to introduce one through the Legal Aid Board performance delivery agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32908/26]

*660. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Legal Aid Board's internal audit programme since 2019 has examined international protection legal aid expenditure specifically; if so, to provide the title and date of each audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32909/26]

*661. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will request the Legal Aid Board to undertake a dedicated value-for-money review of legal aid expenditure relating to international protection applicants, having regard to the increase in expenditure since 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32910/26]

*662. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the 2026 Performance Delivery Agreement with the Legal Aid Board includes any specific performance indicators relating to international protection legal aid costs, case throughput, waiting times, appeal-stage expenditure or outcome tracking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32911/26]

*663. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any forecasting model is used by his Department or the Legal Aid Board to estimate future demand and expenditure for international protection legal aid services; if so, to outline the assumptions used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32912/26]

*664. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he intends to bring forward a timeline for implementing the recommendations of the Civil Legal Aid Review Group, including recommendations relating to tribunal-based matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32914/26]

*665. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether legal representation in housing-related disputes, including disputes before the Residential Tenancies Board, is being considered as part of reform of the civil legal aid scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32915/26]

*666. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has estimated the cost of extending civil legal aid to additional tribunal-based matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32916/26]

*667. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average length of stay in IPAS accommodation for persons whose international protection application was finalised in each year from 2019 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32917/26]

*668. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons currently in IPAS accommodation whose application is at first-instance stage, appeal stage, permission-to-remain stage, deportation-order stage, or post-decision transition stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32918/26]

*669. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS contracts currently above the average nightly contracted rate of €71; the number below that rate; and if he will provide the range of nightly rates currently paid, without identifying commercially sensitive providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32919/26]

*670. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the projected savings of over €83 million from the IPAS rate card model are cash savings already realised, annualised projected savings, or avoided future expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32920/26]

*671. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the figure of over €83 million in projected savings and the separate figure of over €90 million in savings from the IPAS rate card model refer to the same calculation; and if he will reconcile both figures. — Ken O’Flynn. [32921/26]

*672. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing time for appeals before the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in each year from 2019 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32923/26]

*673. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the projected number of cases on hand at the International Protection Appeals Tribunal at the end of 2026, 2027 and 2028 under current staffing and productivity assumptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32924/26]

*674. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has estimated the accommodation cost attributable to delays at appeal stage in the international protection process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32925/26]

*675. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average number of IPAT appeals completed per whole-time equivalent Tribunal member in each year from 2019 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32926/26]

*676. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of persons currently recorded as subject to an active deportation order and whose departure from the State has not been confirmed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32927/26]

*677. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has conducted an assessment of introducing routine exit checks at Irish ports and airports for immigration-control purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32928/26]

*678. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 834 of 28 April 2026, the number of persons subject to deportation orders that were identified as having left the State following the Garda National Immigration Bureau sample review; the size of the sample reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32929/26]

*679. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons subject to deportation orders who were removed from IPAS accommodation in each year from 2019 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32930/26]

*680. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of citizenship revocation cases currently under active consideration by his Department; the number where notice of intention to revoke has issued; and the number where a Committee of Inquiry has been requested since 7 April 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [32931/26]

*681. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has published internal guidance on the operation of section 19 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended, including evidential thresholds for fraud, concealment of material facts, and serious threat to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32932/26]

*682. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department conducts beneficial ownership checks on entities contracted to provide IPAS accommodation, including where the Irish contracting entity forms part of a wider corporate group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32937/26]

*683. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether IPAS accommodation providers are required to disclose parent companies, connected entities, beneficial owners, directors, related-party leases, management companies or offshore ownership structures as part of the Department’s due diligence process. — Ken O’Flynn. [32939/26]

*684. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current average processing time for Garda vetting applications; the number of applications currently outstanding with the National Vetting Bureau; the number of applications pending for more than four, eight and 12 weeks; the length of time for which Garda vetting disclosures are considered valid; the measures being taken to reduce processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [32940/26]

*685. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the prevalence of physically disabled persons who have entered Ireland seeking international protection since vulnerability assessments recommenced on 11 November 2024; and whether there are plans in place to recommence use of the vulnerability assessments for single male IP applicants, rather than the vulnerability triage that is currently offered. — Paul Murphy. [32948/26]

*686. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount spent on purchasing firearms and accessories for firearms for armed Gardaí personnel in 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [33084/26]

*687. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí, by rank attached to the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau. — Alan Kelly. [33085/26]

*688. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of van-personnel carrier courses that were held for Gardaí within DMR north division in 2025 and to-date in 2026; and the number of Gardaí that underwent each of those courses, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [33086/26]

*689. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí, by rank, attached to the Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau. — Alan Kelly. [33087/26]

*690. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the discussions to extend the retirement age for prison officers from 62 years on a voluntary basis; when any possible changes will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33231/26]

*691. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to previous replies indicating that operational matters relating to civil legal aid fall within the remit of the Legal Aid Board, to clarify whether his Department retains policy, governance, or oversight responsibility in relation to civil legal aid services, including,; access to such services; the allocation of Exchequer funding to the Board; ensuring equality of access across different applicant categories; and if so, to outline the nature of that responsibility, including any policy frameworks, guidance, or performance oversight mechanisms in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [33233/26]

*692. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether decisions regarding funding allocations and approved staffing levels for the Legal Aid Board are informed by any formal or periodic assessment of demand for civil legal aid services; if so, to outline the methodology used, including any metrics, projections, or service demand indicators applied; and if not, to explain the basis on which such funding and staffing decisions are determined. — Ken O'Flynn. [33234/26]

*693. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any Department, agency, or cross-government mechanism is responsible for assessing overall access to civil legal aid services across all applicant categories, including Irish citizens and international protection applicants; if so, to identify that body and outline how equality of access is monitored and evaluated; and if no such mechanism exists, to set out how Government ensures accountability and consistency in access to civil legal aid services at a system-wide level. — Ken O'Flynn. [33235/26]

*694. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application (details supplied), and when it is likely that a decision will be reached in view that the application

is pending over 6 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33315/26]

*695. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has received a report (details supplied) on the implication for SMEs of EU proposals to revise the Cybersecurity Act; if he will meet with the organisation that prepared the report; and his position on the EU proposal. — Emer Currie. [33350/26]

*696. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33385/26]

*697. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are national policies or additional resources being considered to support towns like Clonmel experiencing a rise in visible drug activity; if there is scope for legislative or policy changes to better address persistent public drug use and protect residential areas; if there are examples of successful interventions in other towns that could be applied here. — Mattie McGrath. [33432/26]

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

*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that applications for a public sector job (details supplied) are restricted to employees already working in the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [33210/26]

*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the governance and oversight arrangements in place between his Department, An Garda Síochána, and other relevant Departments in relation to the recording, monitoring, classification, and enforcement of alleged animal cruelty offences, and whether any single Department or body holds overall responsibility for ensuring consistency in how such incidents are recorded and acted upon; and if so, to provide details of same. — Ken O'Flynn. [33285/26]

*700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the absence of centrally collated data on alleged animal cruelty offences is a matter of policy design, and whether any consideration has been given to introducing standardised national reporting mechanisms to support policy development in this area. — Ken O'Flynn. [33288/26]

*701. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he can confirm which single body or Department has overall policy responsibility for ensuring consistency in the recording, classification, and monitoring of alleged animal cruelty offences across the State, and if no single body holds such responsibility, whether Government considers this a governance gap in the current system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33291/26]

*702. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of TAMS grants received; the number of grants deemed unsuccessful; the number of applications deemed unsuccessful in County Tipperary; the number of applications received in County Tipperary; the reason a large number of applications have been deemed unsuccessful; the budget constraints associated with this scheme; if the funding will be increased for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [31830/26]

*703. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the publication of a children's book regarding Sitka spruce, a non-native species grown primarily for commercial purposes in Ireland and which is the subject of serious environmental and biodiversity concerns, which was issued to primary schools across the country and contained a forward by a former Junior Minister at his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [31922/26]

*704. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any of the €156.6 million that was allocated to supporting the fisheries sector in Budget 2026 can be used for a payment scheme to support inshore fishermen in the crayfish fishery to move to lower impact gear in order to protect critically endangered species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31941/26]

*705. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmer solar grant applications that were granted, refused and withdrawn, in County Kerry, in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [32031/26]

*706. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmer solar grant applications that were granted, refused and withdrawn, in each county, in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [32032/26]

*707. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the sea-fisheries ice plants currently operated by or for his Department; the location of each; the operating agency or body; the date established; and the quantity of ice supplied per annum for past five years, in tabular form. — Conor D. McGuinness. [32087/26]

*708. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the sea-fisheries ice plants previously operated by or for his Department, which have been closed over the past ten years; the location of each; the operating agency or body; and date closed. — Conor D. McGuinness. [32088/26]

*709. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to close the BIM-managed ice plant at Dunmore East fisheries harbour centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor D. McGuinness. [32089/26]

*710. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times that each of the four members of a board (details supplied) have been reappointed to the board by successive Ministers for Agriculture; the reasons these individuals have served as members of the board continuously for over 25 years; his views on whether it can be justified for any person to sit on any State board as an appointee of the Government for such a long period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32221/26]

*711. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32280/26]

*712. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff that are currently inactively employed by his Department or any organisation with responsibility to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32300/26]

*713. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding a person (details supplied) who is waiting for farm payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32431/26]

*714. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether a national dataset exists measuring biodiversity outcomes within State-owned forestry, including metrics such as species richness, habitat condition, or conservation status; and if not, whether he will commit to establishing such a dataset. — Ken O'Flynn. [32669/26]

*715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the most recent year in which a comprehensive national ecological assessment of biodiversity within plantation forestry was conducted; whether an updated study equivalent to the BIOFOREST project has been commissioned or is planned; and if he will provide a timeline. — Ken O'Flynn. [32670/26]

*716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine what proportion of State-owned forestry lands currently meet defined favourable conservation status criteria; the methodology used to determine this; and the most recent assessment date. — Ken O'Flynn. [32671/26]

*717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the revised Shareholder Letter of Expectation to Coillte will include specific and measurable biodiversity performance targets; if so, the targets proposed; and the enforcement or oversight mechanisms that will apply. — Ken O'Flynn. [32672/26]

*718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine how conflicts between Coillte's commercial forestry operations and national biodiversity objectives are formally assessed within its governance framework; and whether any formal decision-making or escalation process exists. — Ken O'Flynn. [32673/26]

*719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total area of Sitka spruce within the State forestry estate; the proportion of this area classified as monoculture or near-monoculture planting; and if he will provide a breakdown by year for the past ten years. — Ken O'Flynn. [32674/26]

*720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any policy targets are in place to reduce reliance on single-species conifer systems within State forestry; if so, the baseline percentage, current percentage, and target timeline; and if not, whether such targets are under consideration. — Ken O'Flynn. [32675/26]

*721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he or his Department has engaged with representative bodies or the Veterinary Council of Ireland regarding workforce sustainability challenges in the veterinary nursing profession, including recruitment and retention difficulties; and if so, the outcome of those engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32837/26]

*722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the assessment that has been made of the potential impact of staffing shortages in veterinary nursing on animal welfare, veterinary service capacity, and the viability of practices, including in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32838/26]

*723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether consideration is being given to undertaking or supporting a review of workforce sustainability in the veterinary sector, including training pathways, retention challenges, and long term service capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32839/26]

*724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32867/26]

*725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline his response to the call from an association (details supplied) for an increased share of the national pelagic quota for inshore fishermen; and to provide an update on work ongoing in his Department to reopen closed fisheries . — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32874/26]

*726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the plans in place to introduce legislation to regulate the use of animal-drawn vehicles on public roads; if he will indicate whether any such measures would include a complete ban on sulky racing on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33064/26]

*727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the role that the Food Industry Development Division of his Department plays in respect of below cost selling of agricultural food products by supermarket chains (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [33177/26]

*728. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 655, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 65 and 656 of 21 April 2026, when he proposes to answer these questions, and to account for the ongoing delay in providing responses to these questions. — Conor D. McGuinness. [33366/26]

*729. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33373/26]

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

*730. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she continues to have confidence in the operation of a State and HSE funded charity (details supplied) following reports of potentially inappropriate invoice related transfers of up to €1.5 million; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [32258/26]

*731. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current funding model applied to Section 38 and Section 39 disability service providers delivering residential and supported living services; whether her Department has assessed the financial sustainability of these providers; and the estimated funding gap arising from inflation and pay parity pressures since 2008. — Ken O'Flynn. [32694/26]

*732. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether an emergency or accelerated provision pathway exists for adults with an intellectual disability whose primary carer

becomes incapacitated or dies; and the number of cases in which such emergency placements have been required in each of the past five years. — Ken O’Flynn. [32698/26]

*733. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps she is taking to ensure the survival of an organisation (details supplied) and the vital services, funded by her Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31834/26]

*734. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if an application to adopt will be expedited (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [31849/26]

*735. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the emergency supports that are in place for working parents affected by sudden closures of pre-school facilities by Tusla. — Peadar Tóibín. [31881/26]

*736. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current part-time, sessional, or school-age childcare providers and full day childcare, both community and private in Dublin west, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [31970/26]

*737. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the difficulty of accessing after-school support for children with autism in rural areas; to provide an update on after-school support services for children with autism in the Carraroe/Connemara area; if work is being carried out to ensure that there are accessible, local supports for families who cannot travel long distances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [31981/26]

*738. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the Government intends to designate the proposed European Union Equal Treatment Directive as a priority file during Ireland’s Presidency of the Council of the European Union; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32007/26]

*739. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider facilitating a meeting with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss the European Union Equal Treatment Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32008/26]

*740. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has raised the effect on the basic European principal on the freedom of movement due to the lack of consistency of rights of members of the LGBTQ+ community across the European Union; her plans to ensure these rights for Irish and other European citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32009/26]

*741. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the Horizontal Equal Treatment European Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32010/26]

*742. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average annual staff turnover rate of graduate lead educators working in Early Years services during the 2023/2024 programme year, on county-by-county basis, community /private employment and service size, in tabular form. — Aidan Farrelly. [32142/26]

*743. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to her Department or State bodies that are responsible to her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32281/26]

*744. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of emergency child removals carried out under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991 in each of the past five years, in tabular form, broken down by region and by the legal basis for removal. — Ken O'Flynn. [32382/26]

*745. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla maintains a centralised dataset capturing emergency child removals under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991; if so, the variables recorded within that dataset; and if she will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [32383/26]

*746. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any trend analysis has been conducted by Tusla or her Department in respect of emergency child removals under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991; and if so, the findings of such analysis. — Ken O'Flynn. [32384/26]

*747. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has assessed regional variation in the use of emergency child removal powers under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991; and if so, the outcome of that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [32385/26]

*748. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether consideration has been given to classifying emergency child removal decisions under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991 as a systemic or governance risk within Tusla's corporate risk framework; and if so, the outcome of that consideration. — Ken O'Flynn. [32386/26]

*749. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the criteria used by Tusla to determine when patterns in frontline child protection interventions escalate to a strategic or corporate risk requiring inclusion on the National Corporate Risk Register. — Ken O'Flynn. [32387/26]

*750. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how her Department satisfies itself that emergency child removal powers under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991 are applied consistently nationwide in the absence of formal trend analysis reporting from Tusla. — Ken O'Flynn. [32388/26]

*751. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reporting mechanisms in place between Tusla and her Department in respect of emergency child removals under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991; and the frequency and format of such reporting. — Ken O'Flynn. [32389/26]

*752. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any external review, audit or inspection has been undertaken in the past five years examining the use of emergency child removal powers under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991; and if so, the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [32390/26]

*753. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she has requested or plans to request the development of national reporting or oversight mechanisms relating to

emergency child removals under sections 12 and 13 of the Child Care Act 1991; and if not, the reason. — Ken O'Flynn. [32391/26]

*754. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an overview of the regulation and oversight of private home-care companies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32420/26]

*755. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the auditing of allocated homecare hours that is delivered by private home-care companies; and whether the HSE has any way to know that it is not paying for hours not delivered. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32422/26]

*756. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the protections that exist for home care staff in HSE-funded services regarding excessive hours, pressure from management, and lack of accountability. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32424/26]

*757. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the management teams of private homecare providers receive commission for taking on HSE-funded clients; and the oversight that exists of these funding arrangements. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32426/26]

*758. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total annual expenditure by Tusla on private childcare placements for each year from 2020 to 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32432/26]

*759. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children placed in private childcare placements funded by Tusla in each year from 2020 to 2026; the proportion this represents of all children in State-funded care. — Ken O'Flynn. [32433/26]

*760. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average annual cost per child of private childcare placements funded by Tusla, and the comparative average cost per child in public or directly provided placements, for each year since 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32434/26]

*761. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has conducted or commissioned any comparative cost analysis between private and public childcare placements since 2020; if so, to provide details and findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32435/26]

*762. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality what governance framework is in place within her Department to oversee expenditure by Tusla on private childcare placements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32436/26]

*763. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department requires Tusla to report on value-for-money, cost drivers, or financial performance in respect of private childcare placements; if so, the frequency and format of such reporting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32437/26]

*764. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether private childcare placements funded by Tusla are explicitly identified as a financial or governance risk within Departmental or Tusla risk registers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32438/26]

*765. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality what mechanisms are in place to ensure that rates paid to private providers represent value for money over the lifetime of a placement, beyond the initial procurement or tendering process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32439/26]

*766. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she has requested, or intends to request, that the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General undertake an examination of the cost-effectiveness or value-for-money of private childcare placements funded by Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32440/26]

*767. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any internal or external review, evaluation, or audit of outcomes, cost-effectiveness, or long-term value of private childcare placements is planned; and if so, the timeline and scope; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32441/26]

*768. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how children have been in residential care for each of the past five years under the National Placement Team; the number of children that are on a waiting list for residential care for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [32466/26]

*769. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of unaccompanied minors that have been in SEAs for each of the past five years; and the number of non-unaccompanied minors that have been in SEAs for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [32467/26]

*770. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of unaccompanied minors that have been sent to IPAS for age verification for each of the past five years before being placed in a Tusla residential care unit. — Peadar Tóibín. [32468/26]

*771. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of court orders that Tusla has failed to comply with for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [32469/26]

*772. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 144 of 29 March 2026, to provide an update on the outcome of her Department writing to all male Catholic religious congregation in Ireland seeking information on any members who are fathers; the responses received; and any follow up actions, or planned action(s); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32550/26]

*773. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in Tusla’s care who reached 18 years-of-age while still listed as ‘missing’ from State care, for each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [32556/26]

*774. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of young people that go missing in care and never re-establish contact before adulthood, for each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if the State tracks outcomes at all once responsibility ends. — Peadar Tóibín. [32557/26]

*775. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she plans to extend the length of paternity leave from its current two weeks to eight weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [32630/26]

*776. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any formal clinical risk assessment has been conducted specifically examining the impact of the absence of clinician-level caseload data within Children's Disability Network Teams; if so, to provide the date, author, and findings of that assessment; and if not, the basis upon which the Department is satisfied that patient safety risks are adequately identified and managed. — Ken O'Flynn. [32637/26]

*777. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality who holds formal responsibility at national level for assuring safe clinician workload levels within Children's Disability Network Teams in the absence of caseload measurement data; and the governance mechanism through which this assurance is provided. — Ken O'Flynn. [32638/26]

*778. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has undertaken any comparative analysis with other jurisdictions regarding clinician caseload measurement in multidisciplinary disability services; and if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [32639/26]

*779. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality how workforce planning decisions for Children's Disability Network Teams can be validated or audited in the absence of clinician-level activity and caseload data; and whether any external body has reviewed the robustness of this approach. — Ken O'Flynn. [32640/26]

*780. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current percentage of Children's Disability Network Teams fully operational on the CDNT Information Management System; the original implementation deadline; and the reasons for any delay. — Ken O'Flynn. [32641/26]

*781. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any internal or external analysis has been conducted to estimate average waiting times within Children's Disability Network Teams, given that such data is not centrally collated; and if so, to provide the methodology and findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [32642/26]

*782. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a full breakdown of the reduction in the Children's Disability Network Team waiting list from 16,522 to 8,648, including the number of cases fully treated, partially treated, reclassified, deferred, and removed without intervention. — Ken O'Flynn. [32643/26]

*783. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality what clinical or governance risk assessment has been undertaken in respect of the 5,605 children waiting more than 12 months for initial contact with Children's Disability Network Teams. — Ken O'Flynn. [32644/26]

*784. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality what the estimated staffing shortfall is within Children's Disability Network Teams required to eliminate waiting times exceeding 12 months. — Ken O'Flynn. [32645/26]

*785. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality what modelling or capacity analysis underpins the planned 10-week initial pathway target commencing June 2026, given current waiting times exceeding 12 months. — Ken O'Flynn. [32646/26]

*786. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of adults with an intellectual disability currently assessed as requiring residential or supported living accommodation; the number of such persons currently in receipt of appropriate residential

placement; the number awaiting placement; and whether her Department maintains projections of future demand over the next five and ten years. — Ken O’Flynn. [32689/26]

*787. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adults with an intellectual disability currently living with a primary family carer aged over 65 years and over 70 years respectively; the number of such cases where no formal future residential or care plan is in place; and the measures in place to prioritise this cohort. — Ken O’Flynn. [32690/26]

*788. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the State maintains a comprehensive national register of adults with an intellectual disability who require, or are projected to require, residential or supported living accommodation; if not, the reason for the absence of such a register; and any plans to establish one. — Ken O’Flynn. [32692/26]

*789. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of new residential or supported living places for adults with an intellectual disability delivered in each of the past five years; the number planned for delivery in 2026 and 2027; and the extent to which this level of delivery meets identified national demand. — Ken O’Flynn. [32693/26]

*790. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total annual expenditure on private residential childcare placements for each of the past five years; the average cost per placement; and the comparative average cost of a public residential placement. — Ken O’Flynn. [32700/26]

*791. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether a specific numerical or percentage reduction target has been set to reduce reliance on private residential childcare placements; the baseline from which this reduction will be measured; and the timeline for achieving such reduction. — Ken O’Flynn. [32701/26]

*792. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the projected number of additional public residential placements required to eliminate or substantially reduce reliance on private placements; and whether this projection forms part of Tusla’s current capacity planning. — Ken O’Flynn. [32702/26]

*793. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any formal transition strategy exists to move children from private residential placements into public provision; and if so, to outline the criteria, timelines and governance oversight mechanisms involved. — Ken O’Flynn. [32703/26]

*794. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any risk assessment has been carried out regarding continued reliance on private residential childcare placements, including risks relating to cost escalation, availability, and quality assurance; and if she will provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [32704/26]

*795. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of occupational therapists that are currently on panels within Children Disability Network Teams; and the expiry deadline for this panel. — Sorca Clarke. [32830/26]

*796. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality which member states are currently maintaining reservations on the proposed European Union Equal Treatment Directive; the nature of those reservations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32842/26]

*797. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department are taking to advance the proposed European Union Equal Treatment Directive during the Irish Presidency of the European Union; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32843/26]

*798. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a child (details supplied) in County Clare will receive the respite care they have been waiting on for the past three years; if respite will be expedited as a matter of urgency; if a meeting can be organised as a priority between their parent and the CDNT manager; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32877/26]

*799. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently in care in County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [32965/26]

*800. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of registered foster carers in County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [32966/26]

*801. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of the transposition of the EU Pay Transparency Directive (2023/970) into Irish law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33032/26]

*802. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of overdue assessments of need in County Mayo for each year from 2021 to 2025; the reasons for the significant increase; the measures being taken to address the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [33038/26]

*803. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently awaiting early intervention services in County Mayo, including speech and language therapy and occupational therapy; the steps being taken to improve staffing and service capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [33039/26]

*804. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average waiting time for Garda vetting applications for new hires in childcare facilities in County Cork in each of the past three years; the steps being taken to reduce these waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33046/26]

*805. 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 in County Cork; the locations from which such expressions of interest have been received; the timeline for delivery of the first State-led childcare facilities in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33047/26]

*806. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current waiting time for an assessment of need in County Cork; the number of children currently awaiting assessment, broken down by length of time waiting and by Children’s Disability Network Team; the specific measures being taken to reduce this backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33048/26]

*807. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in County Cork who received an assessment of need within the statutory timeframe in each of the

years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date in 2026; the number who did not; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33049/26]

*808. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of whole-time equivalent staff, by discipline and by grade, employed in each Children’s Disability Network Team in County Cork as of the most recent date available; the number of approved but unfilled posts; the percentage vacancy rate for each team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33050/26]

*809. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken to address the recruitment and retention of speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and psychologists in Children’s Disability Network Teams in County Cork, including any specific recruitment incentives, in light of the Department of Health’s recent announcement of additional funded training places for these professions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33051/26]

*810. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of operational respite beds for children and adults with disabilities in County Cork as of the most recent date available; the planned increase in respite capacity in Cork during 2026, including the share of the additional 10,000 respite nights announced under Budget 2026 to be delivered in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33052/26]

*811. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the locations overseas where CDNTs within CHO3 went on recruitment campaigns seeking to recruit additional qualified staff to work in CDNT in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [33093/26]

*812. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of recipients of the national childcare scheme and the Early Childhood Care and Education programme, broken down by electoral division of recipients, for the most recent year for which data is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33206/26]

*813. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of NCS sponsor subsidy referrals received by her Department; the number accepted; the number rejected, per year from 2019 to 2025, and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33222/26]

*814. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in receipt of the NCS sponsored subsidy, per local authority/city and county childcare committee in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33223/26]

*815. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in receipt of the NCS sponsored subsidy, per local authority/city and county childcare committee in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33224/26]

*816. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department of the HSE set the €100,000 funding limit for FASD Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33277/26]

*817. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the revised business case submitted by FASD Ireland on 9 April 2026; the timeline for a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33278/26]

*818. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which an individual who worked in a State institution (details supplied) who wishes to make a confidential disclosure should proceed given that the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes no longer exists; if there is an individual within her Department who deals with such issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [33298/26]

*819. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in her capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33374/26]

*820. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of family resource centres in each county; the funding allocated per county by her Department to such centres in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [33392/26]

*821. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla is currently fully funded to employ the full complement of social workers they have requested to deliver their services; if not, the additional cost of employing the full complement of social workers required across all Tusla services. — Aidan Farrelly. [33433/26]

*822. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of additional aftercare workers would be required by Tusla to ensure that every child, included every separated child, with an aftercare entitlement has an allocated aftercare worker, ensuring caseloads are at recommended levels; and the estimated cost of providing additional aftercare workers (details supplied). — Aidan Farrelly. [33434/26]

*823. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the implementation of the current residential care strategy; the number of the projected units under the strategy that have been provided; the cost for same; and the projected cost of fully implementing this strategy. — Aidan Farrelly. [33435/26]

*824. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will clarify and provide detail of whether Tusla sought on increase in the rate of the aftercare allowance in previous pre-budget submissions; and the estimated cost of increasing the aftercare allowance in line with the current rate of the foster care payment. — Aidan Farrelly. [33436/26]

*825. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she accepts the recommendations of the Tusla commissioned External Review of Special Care; the progress made to date in respect of implementation of the accepted recommendations; if she has rejected any in full and or in part; if recommendations (details supplied) have been accepted; and the estimated cost of implementing these recommendations. — Aidan Farrelly. [33437/26]

*826. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she is concerned about the promotion and sale of obesity medicines to under-18s for cosmetic weight-loss purposes by black-market actors. — Colm Burke. [33442/26]

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*827. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated economic cost of obesity-related illness due to workforce absenteeism and reduced productivity; the number of working days lost annually due to obesity-related illness; the estimated cost to the State and the economy arising from these productivity losses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32946/26]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to tackle the promotion and sale of counterfeit obesity medicines online and offline which are in breach of the law, endanger public health and can contribute to organised crime. — Colm Burke. [32947/26]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to ensure continuity of medication management supports for adults and children with disabilities and cognitive impairment, particularly in respect of the safe use of monitored dosage systems where these are clinically indicated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33043/26]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has carried out, or commissioned, any assessment of the impact on persons with disabilities of the requirement to privately fund pharmacist-prepared blister packs and monitored dosage systems where such supports are recommended on safety grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33044/26]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health whether she plans to meet the social media companies whose platforms are being used to sell counterfeit obesity medicines which endanger public health. — Colm Burke. [33441/26]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health whether the drug sotatercept, approved for the treatment of pulmonary hypertension in other jurisdictions, will be made available to patients in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [31813/26]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to make the shingles vaccine free of charge to the general public. — Brian Brennan. [31814/26]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health if people living with type 2 diabetes could be made eligible for free dexcom continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices under the long-term illness scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [31851/26]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will examine the feasibility of rolling out a biennial survey on youth health outcomes and substance use in County Louth, similar to the Icelandic-model survey currently being implemented in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [31859/26]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to address the gaps in neurological services identified in the recent report by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [31864/26]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will transfer to St. James’s Hospital ICU unit from Sligo University Hospital; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31867/26]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that current reimbursement timelines for orphan medicines align with the commitments on timely and equitable access set out in the National Rare Disease Strategy 2025–2030; the measures that are being taken to address delays in cases where EMA-approved treatments, including those for Friedreich’s ataxia, remain unavailable to patients in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [31882/26]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE provides any direct supports, allowances, or reimbursement schemes to assist families caring for persons requiring continuous electrically powered medical equipment such as oxygen concentrators in the home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31916/26]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has carried out any assessment of the financial burden placed on households providing home-based care for persons dependent on electrically powered medical devices; if any policy proposals are under consideration to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [31917/26]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to funding the Alzheimer’s drug lecanemab; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [31918/26]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3408 of 14 April 2026, when a response will issue. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31925/26]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health whether fair deal applications for persons currently in hospital can be fast-tracked. — Thomas Gould. [31936/26]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health the safeguarding protections in place to prevent persons being discharged from hospital to unsuitable home condition. — Thomas Gould. [31938/26]

*845. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE psychologists working in child and adolescent primary care mental health in each of the Cork primary care centres and the average waiting time for a first appointment in each of the centres, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [31939/26]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health if a surgery appointment (details supplied) will be expedited given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [31959/26]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the work underway to further increase medical card income limits as committed in the Programme for Government, given that income thresholds for people under 70 years have not been increased in over 20 years despite significant inflation and social welfare payment increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [31960/26]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the weekly medical card thresholds for people in their 60s by €100.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [31961/26]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the basic weekly medical card threshold by €100.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [31962/26]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of expanding free GP services to children up to 12 years-of-age, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [31963/26]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of expanding free GP care to the entire population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [31964/26]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application submitted in January 2026 (details supplied) under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31968/26]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health for assistance in relation to a psychiatric review and medication assessment for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [31969/26]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to establish a rapid access pancreatic cancer diagnostic clinic to ensure assessment within two weeks of referral; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [31971/26]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to reduce delays in diagnostic tests for suspected pancreatic cancer and to standardise pathways nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [31972/26]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health if she will introduce a national awareness campaign on the early signs of pancreatic cancer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [31973/26]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of National Cancer Strategy commitments relating to rapid referral pathways for high mortality cancers such as pancreatic cancer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [31974/26]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the special circumstances of a medical card applicant and issue a full card to them (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [31977/26]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite and accept the appeal of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [31983/26]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health given that the review of the operation of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services) (Safe Access Zones) Act 2024 was to be initiated by 17 April 2026; the terms of reference/parameters for the review and will they be published; who will conduct the review; the way in which the views of stakeholders will be incorporated; the timeline for initiation and completion of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [31998/26]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health given the investment by the State over decades in residential homes managed by St John of Gods Order, if she considers it appropriate that one of these properties in her constituency is for sale on the residential market, presumably to be sold to the highest bidder, when residential places for older people in need of care and respite are at such a premium; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32004/26]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a full breakdown of all expenditure incurred by the HSE in respect of the health performance visualisation platform and the integrated information service, system programme, by recipient or contractor, amount paid or committed and the function or purpose for which the payment was made, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [32020/26]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health the local mental health services available to a young person aged 18 to 30 years of age in the Gorey, north Wexford area; if such services are available 24/7; the length of waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [32021/26]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health the local mental health services available to a young person aged 18 to 30 years of age in the Arklow, south Wicklow area; if such services are available 24/7; the length of waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [32022/26]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to establish a CAMHS team to serve north Wexford, based in Gorey; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [32023/26]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the number of certified athletic therapists practicing in Ireland; the level of training and professional structure under which they operate; the extent to which her Department and the HSE have engaged with this cohort in the context of musculoskeletal service provision; and if she will outline any plans to consider their potential role in supporting the delivery of care and addressing waiting lists in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32052/26]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for diagnostic imaging tests at the end of quarter 1 2025 and 2026, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [32064/26]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by the HSE to address the ongoing vacancy of a consultant ophthalmologist in south Tipperary; the number of recruitment campaigns undertaken to fill this post and their outcomes; the reason no candidates have been successfully appointed to date; the current waiting list figures for ophthalmology services in south Tipperary; the interim measures in place to provide care to patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [32072/26]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health the specific barriers that have prevented the appointment of a consultant ophthalmologist in south Tipperary despite multiple recruitment campaigns; whether consideration has been given to alternative recruitment models, including international recruitment or contract flexibility; and the timeline for the next recruitment campaign. — Michael Murphy. [32073/26]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health when additional emergency medical consultants will be appointed at a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [32098/26]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to delays in the sign off of fertility treatment by the Health Products Regulatory Authority (details supplied); the actions she will take to address this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32100/26]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to significant delays in the sign off of fertility treatment for a family (details supplied); the actions she will take to ensure they are supported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32101/26]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiographer clinical practice tutor posts currently filled within the HSE; the number of such posts filled, by hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [32113/26]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2027 of increasing the number of general practice training places to 465; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [32114/26]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultant breast surgeons employed at Cork University Hospital as of 28 April 2026; the corresponding number as of 30 June 2022, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [32119/26]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all Minor Injuries Clinics operating within Cork city and county under the HSE; the number of whole-time equivalent staff assigned to each clinic, broken down by job title, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [32120/26]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent ophthalmology registrars employed at South Infirmity Victoria University Hospital as of 28 April 2026, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [32121/26]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all HSE substance misuse teams operating within Community Healthcare Organisation 4 (CHO4); the location of each team; the number of whole-time equivalent (WTE) staff assigned to each team, broken down by job title, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [32122/26]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent dentists, by grade, and dental nurses, by grade, employed at Cork University Dental School and Hospital in each of the years 2024 and 2025, and as of 28 April 2026, in tabular form. — Ken O'Flynn. [32123/26]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health if the issue of HIV prevention will be on her agenda for the EU presidency, particularly on work towards ending transmission across Europe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [32131/26]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are in place to address the service gap for people with disabilities who require therapeutic input after the age of 65, but who are no longer eligible to access physical and sensory disability teams due to their age; if there is a plan to increase primary care team staffing quotas to address this gap in service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [32135/26]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied) with a view to this family receiving a GP in their area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [32152/26]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health the steps the Minister of State at her Department with responsibility for public health, wellbeing and drugs intends to take, in the context of the forthcoming National Drug Strategy and the proposed integration of drug and alcohol task forces into new HSE structures, to ensure that the existing functions of these task forces, including

interagency coordination, community engagement and data informed planning, are preserved and effectively aligned within the new governance framework; the measures that will be put in place to maintain their operational independence and responsiveness to local need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32195/26]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health whether, in the context of the Draft National Drug Strategy, if consideration has been given by the Minister of State at her Department with responsibility for public health, wellbeing and drugs to placing drug and alcohol task forces at Tier 2 level of the proposed governance structure in recognition of their strategic coordination role; the rationale for their current placement at Tier 3 alongside community services; and the steps that will be taken to ensure governance arrangements support effective reporting into national structures and accountability to local communities, while safeguarding the community voice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32196/26]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated to date, and projected for 2026 and 2027, for the development of the proposed self-harm and suicide prevention training package for trainee general practitioners; the source of such funding; and the budget subhead under which it is being provided. — Ken O'Flynn. [32200/26]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the governance structure in place for the development of the proposed self-harm and suicide prevention training package for trainee general practitioners, including the roles and reporting lines between her Department, the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention and any external partner organisations. — Ken O'Flynn. [32201/26]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the formal approval process required within her Department for the development and implementation of the proposed self-harm and suicide prevention training package for trainee general practitioners; and whether any such approval has been granted to date. — Ken O'Flynn. [32202/26]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health whether the proposed self-harm and suicide prevention training package for trainee general practitioners will be subject to a formal clinical governance framework; and if so, the nature of that framework and the body responsible for its oversight. — Ken O'Flynn. [32203/26]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health whether the proposed self-harm and suicide prevention training package for trainee general practitioners will form part of a nationally standardised training requirement; and if not, the rationale for not establishing it as a national standard. — Ken O'Flynn. [32204/26]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the intended role, if any, of the Irish College of General Practitioners and the National Suicide Research Foundation in the development and delivery of the proposed training package; and the basis on which these organisations were selected to participate. — Ken O'Flynn. [32205/26]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health whether any procurement process, competitive tender, or formal selection procedure was undertaken in respect of external partners involved in the development of the proposed training package; and if not, the basis for their appointment. — Ken O'Flynn. [32206/26]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeline for the development, pilot, evaluation and national rollout of the proposed self-harm and suicide prevention training package for trainee general practitioners. — Ken O’Flynn. [32207/26]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the quality assurance and evaluation mechanisms that will apply to the proposed training package; whether outcome metrics, clinical impact assessments, or independent reviews are planned. — Ken O’Flynn. [32208/26]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the relationship between the proposed self-harm and suicide prevention training package for trainee general practitioners and the forthcoming national strategy Connecting for Life 2026–2035; and to specify the oversight arrangements within her Department for programmes delivered under that strategy. — Ken O’Flynn. [32209/26]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the 5 January 2026 memo from the HSE Codeine Working Group instructing that low dose codeine-containing products should not be stocked routinely in clinical areas in any HSE or HSE-funded service, and that they be removed from clinical stock by 5 June 2026; if she will confirm whether this reflects official Department of Health or HSE policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32233/26]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify claims in the 5 January 2026 HSE memo that low-dose codeine combination products are no more effective than paracetamol or ibuprofen alone; to identify the evidence base for this; to confirm current policy on managing chronic pain; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32234/26]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide details of the HPRA’s engagement with patient groups and stakeholders during its ongoing review of over-the-counter codeine medicines which commenced in November 2022, including which organisations were consulted and the nature of that engagement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32235/26]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that the HPRA review process on over-the-counter codeine medicines meets the required standards of transparency, proportionality and scientific rigour; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32236/26]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the basis for the 5 January 2026 memo of the HSE codeine working group on low-dose codeine stating that low dose paracetamol ibuprofen are no more effective than paracetamol or ibuprofen alone for the management of pain; to instruct that low-dose codeine products should not be stocked routinely in clinical areas in any HSE or HSE-funded service, to remove from stock and stock lists if present, and to complete by 5 June 2026 including the evidence relied upon, the legal or policy framework underpinning the instruction; to confirm the reason such an instruction was issued prior to the completion of the HPRA review of over-the-counter codeine medicines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32237/26]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government supports the inclusion of a distinct health “window” within the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034, with earmarked funding to secure the continuation of key initiatives such as Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan and the EU Cancer Mission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32238/26]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government will designate health as a priority during Ireland's forthcoming EU Presidency; if she will commit to hosting a Presidency-level event on Europe's Beating Cancer Plan as a flagship initiative for prevention policies across Member States; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32239/26]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health whether a standardised national dataset exists capturing all presentations of suicidal ideation and self-harm across both emergency departments and primary care settings; if not, the steps being taken to establish such a dataset; and the timeline for its implementation. — Ken O'Flynn. [32242/26]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which data on suicidal ideation and self-harm presentations in primary care is currently collected, centrally aggregated, and reported; and whether this data is subject to any national reporting framework. — Ken O'Flynn. [32243/26]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health whether the data collected through the Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse (SCAN) service is subject to independent validation or audit; and if she will outline the governance arrangements in place to ensure data accuracy and completeness. — Ken O'Flynn. [32244/26]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health what specific key performance indicators (KPIs) are used within the National Clinical Programme for Self-harm and Suicide-related Ideation; whether these KPIs are published; and if she will provide the most recent performance data against those KPIs. — Ken O'Flynn. [32245/26]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical audits or programme reviews have been conducted in respect of the National Clinical Programme for Self-harm and Suicide-related Ideation in the years 2023, 2024 and to date in 2026; and if she will provide a summary of findings and recommendations arising. — Ken O'Flynn. [32246/26]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health whether outcome data is systematically collected following intervention for individuals presenting with suicidal ideation or self-harm, including re-presentation rates, follow-up engagement, and recovery indicators; and if not, whether there are plans to introduce such measures. — Ken O'Flynn. [32247/26]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health whether all adverse incidents related to suicidal ideation and self-harm presentations are consistently recorded within the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and whether a specific classification exists to allow for national reporting and trend analysis. — Ken O'Flynn. [32248/26]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which data from the National Incident Management System is used at Departmental level to inform suicide prevention policy, service planning, and risk mitigation strategies. — Ken O'Flynn. [32249/26]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health the formal oversight structures that exist within her Department to monitor the performance, data quality, and governance of the National Clinical Programme for Self-harm and Suicide-related Ideation. — Ken O'Flynn. [32250/26]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health whether a structured, recurring national audit schedule exists for suicide prevention services across both acute and community settings; and if not, whether she will establish such a framework. — Ken O'Flynn. [32251/26]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health whether participation in the SCAN data collection system is mandatory across all primary care settings; and if not, the proportion of services currently submitting data and the measures in place to ensure full national coverage. — Ken O’Flynn. [32252/26]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health which body holds ultimate responsibility for governance, validation, and publication of national data relating to suicidal ideation and self-harm presentations; and whether this responsibility is formally defined in policy. — Ken O’Flynn. [32253/26]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the free contraception scheme, the reason commonly used contraceptive medication such as elvina are still excluded; the steps being taken to ensure this scheme becomes genuinely inclusive of all available prescribed contraceptive pills; the processes in place to review and reconsider whether each type of pill is included for funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [32262/26]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to her Department or State bodies that are responsible to her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32290/26]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff that have worked in the health service who have not been Garda vetted for that role. — Peadar Tóibín. [32298/26]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the reason service users are charged a €4 daily charge when using HSE transport to day services in County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [32318/26]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department receives any aggregated reporting on the number, status or utilisation of residential properties owned or managed by the HSE if not, whether she considers this a governance gap. — Ken O’Flynn. [32321/26]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has requested the establishment of a centralised national dataset on HSE residential property vacancy, duration, and disposal timelines; and if not, the reason for same. — Ken O’Flynn. [32322/26]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health the value-for-money or utilisation benchmarks applied at Department level in respect of vacant State-owned residential properties under the HSE. — Ken O’Flynn. [32323/26]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has received any assurance, audit, or certification that HSE-reported activity data, including counselling activity, is accurate, complete, and subject to standardised validation processes. — Ken O’Flynn. [32324/26]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health whether the risk of human error in HSE data systems has been quantified at national level; and whether any error thresholds or tolerances are defined. — Ken O’Flynn. [32325/26]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the consistency of data definitions and reporting standards across Health Regions. — Ken O’Flynn. [32326/26]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is informed of ambulance allocation or response delays exceeding defined thresholds, including delays exceeding 60 minutes. — Ken O’Flynn. [32327/26]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health whether ambulance dispatch timelines are formally linked to patient outcome monitoring or risk classification systems. — Ken O’Flynn. [32328/26]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national reporting framework exists for extreme ambulance delays and if such data is reported to her Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [32329/26]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify whether any non-statutory bodies receive funding indirectly through the HSE or other agencies under her remit, and to provide a full list including funding amounts. — Ken O’Flynn. [32330/26]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure by the HSE on externally procured home support services in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [32332/26]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of home support hours delivered by private providers in each of the years 2022-2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [32333/26]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of total home support hours delivered by directly employed HSE staff, private providers and voluntary providers. — Ken O’Flynn. [32334/26]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health whether any value-for-money or cost comparison analysis has been conducted between directly employed home support workers and externally procured providers. — Ken O’Flynn. [32335/26]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the average hourly cost to the HSE of directly employed home support staff compared with the €32.73 per hour paid to external providers. — Ken O’Flynn. [32336/26]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health whether the home support authorisation scheme includes any profit margin controls or cost transparency requirements for private providers. — Ken O’Flynn. [32337/26]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted any updated economic modelling of the cost of overweight and obesity in Ireland since 2017; and if so, to provide the estimated annual cost to the public health service and the wider economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32339/26]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has produced projections for obesity prevalence in Ireland to 2030 and 2040; and if so, to provide those projections in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32340/26]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health whether any modelling has been undertaken on the projected impact of overweight and obesity on acute hospital demand, primary care demand, and health service workforce requirements over the next 10 to 20 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32341/26]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department has assessed the potential cost savings associated with expanded access to evidence-based obesity treatments, including pharmacological interventions; if so, to provide details of any such assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32342/26]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the completion and publication of the next Obesity Policy and Action Plan; whether any interim measures are in place pending its publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32343/26]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual expenditure by the HSE and her Department on obesity prevention, management, and treatment programmes for each year from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32349/26]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health whether a dedicated budget line exists for obesity-related services within the national health budget; if so, to provide the annual allocation for each year from 2020 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32350/26]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently accessing HSE-supported obesity treatment services, including specialist clinics and pharmacological treatments, in tabular form by year from 2020 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32351/26]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health whether national clinical guidelines are in place governing access to pharmacological treatments for obesity within the public health service; if so, to provide details of those guidelines and the eligibility criteria applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32352/26]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted any assessment of waiting times for access to specialist obesity services, including multidisciplinary clinics; if so, to provide the average waiting times and regional variations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32353/26]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health whether any procurement or reimbursement decisions are under consideration in relation to new pharmacological treatments for obesity; if so, to outline the current status of those considerations and the decision-making framework applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32354/26]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health whether outcome metrics are in place to evaluate the effectiveness of obesity-related programmes funded by the State; if so, to provide details of those metrics and any published results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32355/26]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health for assistance regarding a request for respite care (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32364/26]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for cataract surgery, given that there was a delay through no fault of their own in the referral made by their optician to the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32378/26]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists registered to provide GMS services in Cork in each of the years 2019 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [32380/26]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs registered to provide GMS services in Cork in each of the years 2019 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [32381/26]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health whether a formal definition of “medically indicated” is applied by Children’s Health Ireland in the scheduling of elective paediatric procedures; whether this definition is standardised nationally; and if she will provide the criteria used. — Ken O’Flynn. [32408/26]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health whether any audit, internal or external, has been conducted within the past five years to verify that all elective paediatric procedures undertaken within Children’s Health Ireland meet the threshold of medical necessity; and if she will provide details of any such audits. — Ken O’Flynn. [32409/26]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE requires Children’s Health Ireland to classify elective procedures by urgency, clinical necessity, or priority category for the purpose of capacity planning; and if she will outline any such classification framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [32410/26]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health whether any modelling or scenario analysis has been conducted at Department or HSE level on the impact of theatre allocation decisions on paediatric waiting lists; and if she will provide details of same. — Ken O’Flynn. [32411/26]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health whether the allocation of paediatric surgical theatre time is subject to any national performance or value-for-money oversight framework; and if she will outline the mechanisms in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [32412/26]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health for an overview of the regulation and oversight of private home-care companies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32421/26]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health the auditing of allocated homecare hours that is delivered by private home-care companies; and whether the HSE has any way to know that it is not paying for hours not delivered. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32423/26]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health the protections that exist for home care staff in HSE-funded services regarding excessive hours, pressure from management, and lack of accountability. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32425/26]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health whether the management teams of private homecare providers receive commission for taking on HSE-funded clients; and the oversight that exists of these funding arrangements. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32427/26]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of serious concerns that have been raised regarding inadequate nursing staffing levels in St. Finbarr’s ward, University Hospital Galway; the current nurse-to-patient ratios on the ward; and whether these staffing levels meet national patient safety and care standards, particularly for vulnerable elderly patients. — Paul Lawless. [32461/26]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health the number of formal complaints received by University Hospital Galway in the past 12 months relating to staffing levels or patient safety concerns in St. Finbarr's ward; whether such complaints have been escalated beyond the Patient Advocacy and Liaison Service (PALS); and the actions, if any, which have been taken by hospital management or the HSE to address the issues raised. — Paul Lawless. [32462/26]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate measures that are being taken to address ongoing nursing staff shortages in St. Finbarr's ward, University Hospital Galway; whether additional permanent or agency nursing staff are being deployed; and the medium to long-term recruitment and retention plans in place to prevent a recurrence of risks to patient safety and standards of care. — Paul Lawless. [32463/26]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health the national average caseload per Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse (SCAN) post in 2025; and if she will provide a breakdown by Community Healthcare Organisation area. — Ken O'Flynn. [32470/26]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health the highest and lowest caseload recorded per SCAN post in 2025; and if she will provide the figures by region. — Ken O'Flynn. [32471/26]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national or departmental guidance sets a recommended or maximum caseload threshold per SCAN nurse; if so, the thresholds applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [32472/26]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department or the HSE monitors instances where SCAN caseloads exceed recommended or safe levels; if so, the number of such instances recorded in 2024 and 2025. — Ken O'Flynn. [32473/26]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of referrals made to SCAN services in 2025, including those accepted and not accepted for assessment; and if she will provide a breakdown by region. — Ken O'Flynn. [32474/26]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to SCAN services deemed ineligible or redirected to alternative pathways in 2025; and the mechanisms in place to record and monitor such cases. — Ken O'Flynn. [32475/26]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national dataset is maintained on referrals not accepted by SCAN services; if not, the reason for the absence of such data; and any plans to introduce it. — Ken O'Flynn. [32476/26]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time from GP referral to SCAN assessment in 2025; and if she will provide the longest recorded waiting times by region. — Ken O'Flynn. [32477/26]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health whether SCAN service capacity, caseload pressures, or unmet demand are recorded as risks within any HSE or Departmental risk register; and if she will outline the governance arrangements in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [32478/26]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit, external audit, or review has been conducted on SCAN service capacity, caseload management, or service effectiveness since the introduction of the 2022 Model of Care; if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [32479/26]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health whether any adverse incidents, clinical risks, or service escalations have been linked to SCAN caseload pressures or service capacity constraints; and if she will provide details for 2024 and 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [32480/26]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health whether national key performance indicators apply to SCAN services in respect of caseload, waiting times, or patient outcomes; and if she will provide details of those indicators and current performance levels. — Ken O’Flynn. [32481/26]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment for surgery at Croom Orthopaedic Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32482/26]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors should continue operating pending completion of the HSE model of care in Quarter 4 2026, in circumstances where structured national data collection systems are not currently in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32514/26]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted any risk assessment in respect of the continuation of gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors in the absence of a finalised national model of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32515/26]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has received any formal assurance from the HSE that all gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors are subject to consistent clinical governance, safeguarding, and audit standards across the State pending completion of the national model of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32516/26]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the HSE report examining the implications of the final Cass Review for gender healthcare services in Ireland was completed; the reason it has not yet been published; the expected publication date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32517/26]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health whether the forthcoming HSE model of care for gender healthcare services will include a requirement for mandatory national data collection on referrals, assessments, treatments, outcomes, adverse events, and costs in respect of minors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32518/26]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department currently receives any regular reports or datasets from the HSE in respect of gender-related referrals, assessments, or treatments involving minors; if so, to detail the nature and frequency of such reporting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32519/26]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national clinical governance framework specific to gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors has been formally approved by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32520/26]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health whether any audit, inspection, or external review of gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors has been commissioned by her

Department since 2020, other than the Cass-related review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32521/26]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health whether interim national guidelines or directives have been issued by her Department to the HSE governing gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors pending completion of the model of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32522/26]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will commit to publishing all governance, audit, and evidence review documents underpinning the development of the HSE model of care for gender healthcare services for minors upon completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32523/26]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health to identify the specific office, unit or named role within the Department or the HSE that holds ultimate national accountability for clinical governance, oversight and policy direction in respect of gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors; and to outline the reporting structure to the Minister. — Ken O’Flynn. [32524/26]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health whether any formal national governance framework, beyond the general HSE Code of Governance, has been approved or issued specifically for gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors; if not, the timeline for its introduction. — Ken O’Flynn. [32525/26]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health whether any formal risk assessment has been conducted at Departmental or HSE level regarding the operation of gender-related clinical pathways for minors in the absence of a completed national model of care; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [32526/26]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health what interim data collection arrangements are currently in place to record referrals, assessments, clinical decisions and outcomes for minors accessing gender-related healthcare pathways, pending the development of a national system. — Ken O’Flynn. [32527/26]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health whether the absence of a structured national dataset in respect of gender-related healthcare pathways for minors has been formally recorded as a governance or patient safety risk; and if so, the mitigation measures in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [32528/26]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether any aggregate figures are currently available to her Department on the number of minors referred, assessed or treated under gender-related pathways in the past five years, even on a partial or regional basis. — Ken O’Flynn. [32529/26]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health whether any external or independent clinical audit of gender-related assessment or referral pathways for minors has been commissioned or considered since 2020; and if not, the rationale for this position. — Ken O’Flynn. [32530/26]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health what specific safeguarding protocols are currently mandated for clinicians when assessing minors presenting with gender-related distress, in the absence of a finalised national model of care. — Ken O’Flynn. [32531/26]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health whether compliance with evidence-based clinical standards in gender-related care for minors is currently subject to any formal monitoring, inspection or performance review mechanism; and if so, to detail same. — Ken O’Flynn. [32532/26]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health whether any timeline has been set for the establishment of a national data system, audit framework and governance structure for gender-related healthcare pathways for minors, and if so, to provide the expected delivery dates. — Ken O’Flynn. [32533/26]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of agency staffing expenditure within the HSE by staff category, including consultants, non-consultant hospital doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and administrative staff, on a monthly basis for 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32534/26]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of agency staffing expenditure within the HSE by hospital group and Community Healthcare Organisation area, on a monthly basis for 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32535/26]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health how many agency staff have been converted to permanent HSE contracts under the July 2025 agency conversion framework, broken down by staff category and location; the estimated savings achieved to date from these conversions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32536/26]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has set annual or monthly targets for reducing agency staffing expenditure; if so, to provide those targets for 2024, 2025 and 2026 and the actual outturn against those targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32537/26]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the average hourly cost of agency staff compared to directly employed staff across key grades within the HSE; and the estimated additional cost incurred through agency staffing in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32538/26]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which agency staffing expenditure is linked to delivery under the Waiting List Action Plan; and whether any analysis has been carried out on the cost-effectiveness of agency staffing in reducing waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32539/26]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of agency staffing expenditure in the HSE by staff grade and category, including consultants, non-consultant hospital doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants, health and social care professionals, administrative staff and support staff, for 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by month and HSE Health Region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32540/26]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health how many agency staff have been converted to permanent HSE employment under the July 2025 agency conversion framework, broken down by staff grade, HSE Health Region and month; the estimated savings achieved to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32541/26]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has set monthly or annual targets for reducing agency staffing expenditure in 2025 and 2026; the target and actual expenditure for each month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32542/26]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the average hourly cost to the HSE of agency staff compared with directly employed staff across the main staff categories; the estimated additional cost arising from agency staffing in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32543/26]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department or HSE has carried out any audit, review or evaluation of the July 2025 agency conversion framework; if so, to provide the findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32544/26]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address concerns regarding access to primary care services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [32547/26]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 486 of 19 March 2026, the engagements she has had with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) since March regarding the regulatory framework; if she intends to address the shortcomings identified; if she has been provided with a copy of the PHECC’s internal discussion document; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [32560/26]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a copy of any formal written policy, guideline or standard operating procedure governing eligibility decisions under the Treatment Abroad Scheme; and if none exists, to confirm this. — Ken O’Flynn. [32561/26]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health who holds ultimate decision-making authority for approving funding under the Treatment Abroad Scheme, including whether this rests with individual consultants, HSE management, or a defined approval panel. — Ken O’Flynn. [32562/26]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national clinical criteria, thresholds, or evidentiary standards are formally defined for determining what constitutes a “proven treatment” under the Treatment Abroad Scheme. — Ken O’Flynn. [32563/26]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department or HSE has conducted any audit or review of approval decisions under the Treatment Abroad Scheme since 2020; if so, to provide dates and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [32564/26]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health whether decisions under the treatment abroad scheme are subject to any centralised review, appeal mechanism, or consistency check across cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [32565/26]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health whether any cost ceilings, budget controls, or value-for-money assessments are applied to approvals under the Treatment Abroad Scheme. — Ken O’Flynn. [32566/26]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered developing a national policy definition or classification framework for surgical procedures by clinical priority,

medical necessity, quality-of-life impact, and elective status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32577/26]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts the HSE position that there is currently no agreed or standardised definition of a procedure that is not medically necessary; whether her Department intends to address this policy gap; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32578/26]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department has issued any guidance to the HSE on how theatre capacity should be prioritised where demand exceeds available capacity; and if she will publish any such guidance. — Ken O’Flynn. [32579/26]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health whether public hospitals are required to record the clinical priority category attached to surgical procedures when theatre time is allocated; and if not, whether her Department intends to require such data collection.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32580/26]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department has assessed the feasibility of introducing structured data fields within hospital systems to record the clinical rationale and priority category for surgical procedures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32581/26]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department receives any regular reporting from the HSE on the allocation of theatre capacity by specialty, urgency category, elective status, waiting-list category, or clinical priority; and if she will provide details of the reporting received. — Ken O’Flynn. [32582/26]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that current hospital data systems allow adequate national oversight of how scarce theatre capacity is allocated across the public health system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32583/26]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health whether any work is underway to create a nationally consistent methodology for reporting theatre utilisation, cancellations, prioritisation, and allocation across public hospitals; and if she will provide a timeline for such work. — Ken O’Flynn. [32584/26]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health whether the absence of a standardised definition of medical necessity in surgical care creates a governance risk in relation to waiting lists, theatre access, and resource allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32585/26]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will request the HSE to prepare options for improved reporting on theatre-capacity allocation, including reporting by specialty, urgency, elective status, and clinical priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32586/26]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the title, scope, date, reporting line, and final report reference of the 2022 Comptroller and Auditor General audit of the Treatment Abroad Scheme referred to by the HSE in correspondence to this Deputy; whether the report is publicly available; and if not, whether she will arrange for a copy to be provided. — Ken O’Flynn. [32588/26]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department received, reviewed, or was briefed on the 2022 Comptroller and Auditor General audit of the Treatment Abroad Scheme; the date on which any such briefing or report was received; and what follow-up actions were required by the Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [32589/26]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health whether any recommendations, observations, management letters, internal control issues, expenditure concerns, or governance issues arose from the 2022 Comptroller and Auditor General audit of the Treatment Abroad Scheme; and if she will provide a summary of each such matter and the action taken. — Ken O’Flynn. [32590/26]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit, external audit, Comptroller and Auditor General review, value-for-money review, or expenditure-control review of the Treatment Abroad Scheme has been completed since the 2022 audit; and if so, the date, scope, findings, and recommendations of each review. — Ken O’Flynn. [32591/26]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health what formal audit schedule, risk assessment, or expenditure-control framework applies to the Treatment Abroad Scheme; who is responsible within her Department for oversight of that framework; and whether the Scheme is subject to periodic value-for-money review. — Ken O’Flynn. [32592/26]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health to set out in detail the accounting methodology applied by the HSE under the Treatment Abroad Scheme for attributing expenditure to a given financial year, including whether expenditure is recorded on a cash, accrual, or episode-of-care basis; the point at which expenditure is recognised in the accounts; and the mechanisms in place to link each payment to an individual patient approval and referral year. — Ken O’Flynn. [32598/26]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit, external audit, or review by the Comptroller and Auditor General has examined the financial recording, traceability, and year attribution of expenditure under the Treatment Abroad Scheme since 2020; if so, to provide the findings; and if not, whether such an audit will now be commissioned. — Ken O’Flynn. [32599/26]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE maintains a patient-level dataset under the Treatment Abroad Scheme that links each individual approval to associated expenditure, treatment dates, and payment dates; and if not, how financial accountability and verification of expenditure is ensured. — Ken O’Flynn. [32600/26]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health the total value of expenditure recorded under the Treatment Abroad Scheme in 2024 that relates to approvals granted in previous years; and the proportion of 2024 expenditure not attributable to approvals issued in that same year. — Ken O’Flynn. [32601/26]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will establish a national policy framework to define and classify elective procedures based on clinical necessity, including low-value or non-essential interventions; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32606/26]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the Health Service Executive will introduce mandatory structured data fields within health information systems to record the clinical rationale for elective procedures; the estimated cost, implementation timeline, and

governance oversight arrangements for such a measure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32607/26]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health how the Health Service Executive currently assesses value for money in respect of elective procedures in circumstances where no standardised definition of clinical necessity exists and where the clinical rationale for procedures is not captured in centralised datasets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32608/26]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit, external audit, or examination by the Comptroller and Auditor General has assessed the appropriateness, clinical necessity, or value for money of elective procedures funded by the State in the absence of standardised definitions and centralised data capture; if so, to provide details and findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32609/26]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has undertaken any benchmarking or comparative analysis of international models used to identify, classify, and reduce low-value or clinically unnecessary procedures; whether there are plans to adopt or adapt such models within the public health system. — Ken O’Flynn. [32610/26]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health whether the absence of standardised definitions, national policy, and centralised data collection in respect of elective procedures has been formally recorded as a governance or financial oversight risk within her Department or the Health Service Executive risk registers. — Ken O’Flynn. [32611/26]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health what mechanisms are in place to ensure consistency in clinical decision-making across hospitals and regions in respect of elective procedures where no national definition of clinical necessity exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32612/26]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health whether any review has been undertaken to assess the potential scale of elective procedures carried out without clear medical indication within the public health system; if so, to provide details; and if not, whether such a review will be commissioned. — Ken O’Flynn. [32613/26]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Health Service Executive collects any data, formally or informally, on patient-requested procedures or procedures undertaken primarily for quality-of-life rather than clinical necessity reasons; and if so, to provide details of how such data is used for governance and planning purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32614/26]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 953 of 24 March 2026, whether the national guideline for the diagnosis and management of lipoedema referenced will include provision for surgical intervention; if not, the policy basis for excluding surgical treatment from the national care pathway; and whether patients will be supported to access surgical care where clinically indicated. — Ken O’Flynn. [32620/26]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of persons living with lipoedema in the State; the projected demand for services under the proposed national care pathway; and the current and planned service capacity within the public health system to meet this demand. — Ken O’Flynn. [32621/26]

- *1044. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget allocation assigned to the development and implementation of the national lipoedema care pathway; the costings associated with clinical services, education programmes and patient supports; and whether dedicated funding has been ring-fenced for this purpose. — Ken O’Flynn. [32622/26]
- *1045. To ask the Minister for Health the governance framework underpinning the national lipoedema care pathway, including the identity and role of the clinical lead, reporting arrangements to the Department, and whether a formal audit, evaluation, or outcomes monitoring mechanism will be established. — Ken O’Flynn. [32623/26]
- *1046. To ask the Minister for Health whether patients requiring surgical treatment for lipoedema are currently being referred abroad under the Treatment Abroad Scheme; the number of such referrals and associated expenditure in each of the past five years; and whether this pathway is subject to review. — Ken O’Flynn. [32624/26]
- *1047. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 953 of 24 March 2026, the exact publication date for the national lipoedema guideline referenced in; the reasons for any delay beyond the second quarter of 2026; and whether a full implementation plan will be published alongside the guideline. — Ken O’Flynn. [32625/26]
- *1048. To ask the Minister for Health whether the national lipoedema care pathway will include defined referral criteria, multidisciplinary team structures, and standardised diagnostic protocols across all regions; and if she will outline these components. — Ken O’Flynn. [32626/26]
- *1049. To ask the Minister for Health the expected waiting times for assessment and treatment under the proposed lipoedema care pathway; and whether waiting list data will be collected and published on a regular basis. — Ken O’Flynn. [32627/26]
- *1050. To ask the Minister for Health whether the lipoedema care pathway will be delivered on a national basis with equal access across all Community Healthcare Organisation areas; and if she will provide a breakdown of planned service locations. — Ken O’Flynn. [32628/26]
- *1051. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical evidence and policy analysis used to inform the scope of the national lipoedema guideline; and whether international best practice, including surgical treatment options, was considered in its development. — Ken O’Flynn. [32629/26]
- *1052. To ask the Minister for Health to identify the specific grade, title, and role of the individual or body within the HSE that has final authority to approve or refuse applications under the Treatment Abroad Scheme; and whether this authority is exercised by a single decision-maker or a panel-based process. — Ken O’Flynn. [32631/26]
- *1053. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the formal governance structure underpinning decision-making under the Treatment Abroad Scheme, including any documented approval hierarchy, escalation pathways, or oversight committees. — Ken O’Flynn. [32632/26]
- *1054. To ask the Minister for Health whether decisions to approve funding under the Treatment Abroad Scheme are subject to any form of independent clinical review, secondary validation, or administrative appeal prior to authorisation of expenditure. — Ken O’Flynn. [32633/26]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the process by which independent medical advisors engaged by the HSE in respect of Treatment Abroad Scheme applications are selected, governed, and assessed for independence; and whether their advice is binding or advisory. — Ken O’Flynn. [32634/26]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit, external audit, or examination by the Comptroller and Auditor General has been conducted on the decision-making and approval processes under the Treatment Abroad Scheme since 2020; and if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [32635/26]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department or the HSE maintains any formal risk register entry relating to governance, financial control, or clinical oversight risks associated with the Treatment Abroad Scheme. — Ken O’Flynn. [32636/26]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health whether a standardised cost range or expected cost per patient is applied when approving applications under the Treatment Abroad Scheme; if not, how value for money is assessed at approval stage. — Ken O’Flynn. [32650/26]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE conducts any ex post review of costs incurred under the Treatment Abroad Scheme to assess variance between estimated and actual expenditure per patient. — Ken O’Flynn. [32651/26]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health whether any benchmarking is carried out comparing the cost of procedures funded under the Treatment Abroad Scheme across different jurisdictions. — Ken O’Flynn. [32652/26]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Health what internal financial controls are applied to ensure that costs claimed under the Treatment Abroad Scheme are reasonable, necessary, and proportionate. — Ken O’Flynn. [32653/26]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal or external audit has been carried out specifically on expenditure under the Treatment Abroad Scheme for gender affirmation procedures. — Ken O’Flynn. [32654/26]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health whether any independent clinical validation, separate from the referring consultant and MDT, is carried out by the HSE prior to approval of applications under the Treatment Abroad Scheme for surgical procedures not provided in the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [32655/26]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE applies any procedure-specific clinical criteria, risk thresholds, or suitability assessments for gender-related surgical procedures funded under the Treatment Abroad Scheme, beyond the general eligibility criteria outlined. — Ken O’Flynn. [32656/26]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health whether any audit or review has been conducted on approvals granted under the Treatment Abroad Scheme for gender-related surgical procedures since 2020. — Ken O’Flynn. [32657/26]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health whether post-operative outcomes, complications, or follow-up care requirements are tracked for patients funded under the Treatment Abroad Scheme; if not, the rationale for the absence of such data. — Ken O’Flynn. [32658/26]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department has conducted any value-for-money or clinical effectiveness assessment in respect of gender-related surgical procedures funded under the Treatment Abroad Scheme. — Ken O’Flynn. [32659/26]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health whether a cost breakdown exists at project or contractor level separating fire safety works from general refurbishment works in the Heather House Community Nursing Unit project; if so, to provide that breakdown; and if not, the reason such cost categorisation is not maintained for capital projects involving statutory fire compliance requirements. — Ken O’Flynn. [32660/26]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is a national policy or capital project guidance within the HSE requiring the separate identification and tracking of fire safety compliance costs in capital projects; and if not, whether she will introduce such a requirement. — Ken O’Flynn. [32661/26]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the approval process for the capital funding allocated to the Heather House Community Nursing Unit project, including the stages of approval, the approving authority at each stage, and whether any revised cost approvals have been required since project commencement. — Ken O’Flynn. [32662/26]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health whether the projected total cost of €10.69 million for the Heather House Community Nursing Unit project is fixed or subject to revision; and whether any cost overruns or revised projections have been identified to date. — Ken O’Flynn. [32663/26]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE capital projects since 2020 involving fire safety remediation works; the total expenditure on such works; and whether fire safety costs are systematically tracked and reported across the HSE estate. — Ken O’Flynn. [32664/26]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health the original planned commencement and completion dates for the Heather House Community Nursing Unit refurbishment project; the current projected completion date; and the reasons for any delays arising. — Ken O’Flynn. [32665/26]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health whether interim or final fire safety certification has been issued in respect of the Heather House Community Nursing Unit project; if so, to provide the dates of such certification and the certifying authority involved. — Ken O’Flynn. [32666/26]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health whether any defects, compliance issues, or remedial works relating to fire safety have been identified during the course of the Heather House Community Nursing Unit project; and if so, to provide details of same and any associated additional costs. — Ken O’Flynn. [32667/26]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health whether independent oversight, audit, or inspection has been carried out in respect of the Heather House Community Nursing Unit project, particularly in relation to fire safety compliance; if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [32668/26]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health the actual average cost per WTE of agency staff compared with directly employed staff across key grades, including staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, consultant, and allied health professionals, for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [32676/26]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on agency staff within the HSE for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, and the estimated additional cost incurred due to agency premiums when compared to equivalent directly employed staffing. — Ken O’Flynn. [32677/26]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health whether a formal cost-benefit analysis has been conducted comparing long-term direct employment versus agency staffing within the public health service; if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [32678/26]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health whether the indicative 30% agency premium referenced by the HSE is formally incorporated into workforce planning, budget allocations, or recruitment strategy; and if not, why not. — Ken O’Flynn. [32679/26]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of agency staff engaged under framework agreements versus off-framework arrangements, and the cost differential between these categories. — Ken O’Flynn. [32680/26]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health the total estimated additional annual cost to the Exchequer arising from the use of agency staff, based on the HSE’s stated average premium of 30%, and the total agency spend for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [32681/26]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE maintains any grade-specific cost comparison between agency and directly employed staff, including nursing, medical and allied health grades; if so, to provide same; if not, the reason such analysis is not undertaken. — Ken O’Flynn. [32682/26]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health whether workforce planning decisions within the HSE are informed by a quantified comparison of agency versus direct employment costs; and if no such model exists, whether one will be developed. — Ken O’Flynn. [32683/26]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of agency staff engaged under framework agreements versus off-framework arrangements for each of the years 2023 to 2026, and the average cost differential associated with each. — Ken O’Flynn. [32684/26]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit, external audit, or review by the Comptroller and Auditor General has examined the cost-effectiveness of agency staffing within the HSE since 2020; if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [32685/26]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Health whether any analysis has been undertaken by the HSE or individual hospitals, including South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, on the effectiveness of international recruitment channels, including online advertising and publications such as the British Medical Journal; if so, to provide the number of applications received, interviews conducted, and appointments made arising from such channels in 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32686/26]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has a formal international recruitment strategy targeting specific jurisdictions such as the United Kingdom for nursing, medical and health and social care professional roles; if so, to outline the strategy, targets and outcomes; and if not, whether such a strategy will be developed. — Ken O’Flynn. [32687/26]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of applicants for positions at South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital in 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by country of origin; the number of those applicants who progressed to interview and appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32688/26]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national policy exists requiring that a transition plan for housing and care supports be developed for persons with an intellectual disability before reaching adulthood; if so, the details of this policy; and if not, whether such a policy is under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [32691/26]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health whether a policy commitment exists to achieve pay parity between staff employed in Section 38 and Section 39 organisations and those employed directly by the HSE in disability services; and the timeline, if any, for achieving such parity. — Ken O’Flynn. [32695/26]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Health whether a formal interdepartmental framework exists between her Department, the Department of Housing and the HSE for the planning and delivery of housing and care supports for adults with an intellectual disability; and the governance structure underpinning such coordination. — Ken O’Flynn. [32697/26]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of the €10.69 million projected cost of the fire safety and refurbishment works at Heather House Community Nursing Unit, including the original approved budget, the current projected outturn cost, the value of all additional works identified during construction, and the total cost variance arising to date. — Ken O’Flynn. [32705/26]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Health the original planned completion dates for each phase of the refurbishment works at Heather House Community Nursing Unit, the revised completion dates, the total duration of any delays incurred, and the specific causes of such delays. — Ken O’Flynn. [32706/26]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the procurement process for the works at Heather House Community Nursing Unit, including the number of tenderers, the contract award value, the successful contractor, and whether any post-award variations have altered the contract value. — Ken O’Flynn. [32707/26]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the governance and oversight arrangements in place for the capital works at Heather House Community Nursing Unit, including reporting structures, risk management processes, and whether any issues identified during construction were escalated to the Department. — Ken O’Flynn. [32708/26]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Health to specify the exact nature of the issues identified during the refurbishment works at Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit which led to the extension of the project timeline; whether these issues relate to structural defects, fire compliance, asbestos, design deficiencies, or contractor performance; and if she will provide a detailed breakdown of each issue identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [32709/26]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Health the original approved project budget for the fire safety works at Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit; the current projected final cost; the value of any additional works identified; and whether contingency funding has been utilised. — Ken O’Flynn. [32710/26]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Health what interim fire safety measures and risk mitigation protocols are in place for residents and staff during the ongoing works at Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit; and whether any risk assessments have identified elevated safety concerns during the construction period. — Ken O’Flynn. [32711/26]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Health whether the delay in completion of fire safety works at Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit is expected to impact bed capacity, admissions, or service delivery; and if so, the extent of such impact. — Ken O’Flynn. [32712/26]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Health whether the fire risk assessment report completed in October 2024 in respect of the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit classified the identified fire safety risks by severity level; if so, the classification assigned; and whether the unit was deemed compliant with applicable fire safety regulations at that time. — Ken O’Flynn. [32719/26]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Health what decision-making process led to the closure of the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit in February 2025 following a fire risk assessment completed in October 2024; the dates on which the findings were reviewed; the level within the HSE or Department at which the decision to close was approved; and whether alternative mitigation measures short of closure were formally considered. — Ken O’Flynn. [32720/26]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Health whether the findings of the October 2024 fire risk assessment relating to the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit were formally notified to the relevant fire authority or to HIQA; if so, the dates of such notifications; and whether any compliance directions or recommendations were issued by those bodies. — Ken O’Flynn. [32721/26]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Health whether residents continued to occupy the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit in the period between the completion of the fire risk assessment in October 2024 and its closure in February 2025; and if so, the fire safety or risk mitigation measures that were put in place during that period. — Ken O’Flynn. [32722/26]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Health whether a copy of the October 2024 fire risk assessment report relating to the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit will be made available; and if not, the specific legal or policy basis upon which it is being withheld. — Ken O’Flynn. [32729/26]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Health whether the fire safety risks identified in the October 2024 assessment of the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit were recorded on any HSE corporate, regional, or site-specific risk register; and if so, the risk rating assigned and the dates on which the risk status was reviewed or escalated. — Ken O’Flynn. [32730/26]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit, external audit, or independent review has been undertaken in relation to the fire safety risks identified at the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit and the subsequent decision to close the unit; and if so, to provide details of the scope, dates, and findings of such reviews. — Ken O’Flynn. [32731/26]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health what capital funding, if any, was allocated or approved to address the infrastructural fire safety risks identified in the October 2024 assessment of the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit; the estimated cost of required remediation works;

and whether such works were progressed prior to the decision to close the unit. — Ken O’Flynn. [32732/26]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health whether a formal options appraisal was conducted following the October 2024 fire risk assessment of the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit to assess remediation, partial closure, or continued operation with mitigation measures; and if so, to provide the outcome of that appraisal. — Ken O’Flynn. [32733/26]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Health whether any residents displaced from the Daisy Unit, Heather House Community Nursing Unit following its closure in February 2025 were relocated to alternative facilities; the number of residents affected; and whether any impact assessment was carried out in relation to continuity of care and patient welfare arising from the closure. — Ken O’Flynn. [32734/26]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Health the legal and governance basis upon which Children’s Health Ireland holds final decision-making authority regarding the timing of patient transfer to the National Children’s Hospital; and whether this authority is set out in statute, contract, or administrative arrangement. — Ken O’Flynn. [32736/26]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE or the Department of Health retains any power to override or delay a Go/No-Go decision made by the Children’s Health Ireland Board; and if so, the circumstances under which such intervention may occur. — Ken O’Flynn. [32737/26]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Health the specific clinical, operational, and patient safety criteria used by Children’s Health Ireland to determine “organisational readiness” for transfer to the National Children’s Hospital; and whether these criteria will be published. — Ken O’Flynn. [32738/26]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Health whether any independent external validation or audit is required before a Go/No-Go decision on the transfer to the National Children’s Hospital is confirmed; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [32739/26]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Health what contingency planning is in place in the event that a Go/No-Go decision is reversed within the 15-day decision window; and the estimated operational and financial impact of such a reversal. — Ken O’Flynn. [32740/26]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the exact whole-time equivalent staffing complement currently assigned to the dementia-specific unit at Heather House Community Nursing Unit, broken down by grade, including nursing, healthcare assistants, and all support staff. — Ken O’Flynn. [32743/26]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Health whether a final, formally approved workforce model has been signed off for Heather House Community Nursing Unit; if so, the date of approval; and if not, the reason a unit is reopening in advance of such approval. — Ken O’Flynn. [32744/26]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether the current staffing levels at the dementia-specific unit at Heather House Community Nursing Unit are fully compliant with HIQA standards for residential care settings; and whether any risks or variances have been identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [32745/26]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Health whether full funding has been formally approved and allocated for the complete staffing complement required to operate the dementia-specific unit at Heather House Community Nursing Unit at full capacity; and if not, the shortfall. — Ken O’Flynn. [32746/26]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Health whether the staffing model originally developed for a 104-bed facility has been revised to reflect the reduction in capacity to approximately 102 beds and the dementia unit reduction from 19 to 17 beds; and to provide the updated model. — Ken O’Flynn. [32747/26]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Health whether any patients in the State currently have access to omaveloxolone, marketed as Skyclarys, for Friedreich’s ataxia through compassionate use, named patient access, hospital-level approval, exceptional funding, or any other interim access mechanism pending a final HSE reimbursement decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32771/26]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in the State known to the HSE or the Department of Health who are clinically eligible for treatment with omaveloxolone, marketed as Skyclarys, for Friedreich’s ataxia; and if this number has informed any budget impact assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [32772/26]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has a target timeline for completing reimbursement decisions in respect of orphan medicines or medicines for progressive rare diseases; and if no such target exists, whether one is under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [32773/26]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has any escalation process where a reimbursement application concerns a progressive neurological condition in which delay may lead to irreversible deterioration. — Ken O’Flynn. [32774/26]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has considered international reimbursement or access decisions in respect of omaveloxolone, marketed as Skyclarys, including decisions in France, Italy, Germany or other comparable European countries, as part of the Irish reimbursement process. — Ken O’Flynn. [32775/26]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department or HSE has examined the favourable reimbursement opinion issued in France for Skyclarys in Friedreich’s ataxia, and whether such international assessments are considered in Irish rare disease reimbursement decisions. — Ken O’Flynn. [32776/26]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department or HSE is aware that Italy’s medicines authority approved reimbursement of Skyclarys for Friedreich’s ataxia in December 2025, and whether this decision has been considered in the Irish process. — Ken O’Flynn. [32777/26]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has received a commercial proposal from Biogen Idec Ireland Limited in respect of omaveloxolone, marketed as Skyclarys, since 16 April 2026; and if not, what steps the HSE is taking to progress the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [32778/26]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Health whether any statutory, contractual, policy or administrative time limits apply where a marketing authorisation holder has been invited to submit a commercial proposal for a medicine but has not yet done so. — Ken O’Flynn. [32779/26]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will consider introducing a formal interim access pathway for rare disease medicines where a treatment has European marketing authorisation, there is no alternative disease-modifying therapy available, and the reimbursement process remains unresolved. — Ken O’Flynn. [32780/26]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that the HSE is in ownership of a swimming pool facility at Elm Park, Dublin 4; and her plans to ensure that it be preserved to provide additional swimming facilities for the local community. — Ivana Bacik. [32789/26]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an internal review has not been commissioned regarding one of two complaints (details supplied) submitted to St. James’s Hospital, Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [32790/26]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has examined the practice of pharmacies charging additional fees for dispensing medications in blister packs where this is clinically required, particularly for older persons with complex medication regimes; whether any guidance or regulation exists governing such charges under the community drug schemes; if consideration is being given to prohibiting or subsidising these charges where clinically necessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [32791/26]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any research being carried out into the viability of providing treatment for people suffering from Friedrichs ataxia in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32792/26]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with families or support groups for people suffering from Friedrichs ataxia in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32793/26]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the approval process for skylarys as a treatment for Friedrichs ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32794/26]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the delays in the approval of skylarys as a treatment for Friedrichs ataxia aligns with the “equitable access” as outlined in the National Rare Disease Strategy 2025-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [32795/26]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) will be clarified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32813/26]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding allocated to Mental Health Services in County Donegal in the years of 2024, 2025 and 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32815/26]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Health if each model 4 hospital accident and emergency department has mental health nursing staff on site after 5pm on weekdays and on weekends and

bank holidays; the number of WTE mental health staff that are available for each of those model 4 hospitals, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32817/26]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE registrars in plastic surgery based at the Mater Hospital as of 28 April 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32818/26]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding allocated to mental health services in County Louth in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32819/26]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dental nurses and dental hygienists posts filled at Longford dental clinic as of 29 April 2026, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32820/26]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Health whether Ireland intends to use its Presidency of the Council of the European Union to advocate for the inclusion of provisions within any revised tobacco products directive that would permit member states to introduce generational tobacco sales restrictions, similar to those enacted in the United Kingdom under the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2025; whether her Department has carried out any assessment of the legal compatibility of such measures with the current EU treaty framework and internal market provisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32831/26]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has submitted Ireland's health priorities for inclusion in the eighteen-month Trio Presidency programme being developed with Lithuania and Greece; if so, whether she will outline those priorities; whether the programme will address the regulation of tobacco and novel nicotine products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32832/26]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Health whether Ireland intends to seek Council conclusions on tobacco control during its Presidency; if so, the proposed scope of such conclusions; whether such conclusions would address the regulatory treatment of novel nicotine products; and whether she has consulted with other Member States on this matter. — Colm Burke. [32833/26]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Health in light of the European Commission's evaluation of the Tobacco Products Directive published on 2 April 2026, which found that smoking prevalence across the EU has fallen from 28% in 2012 to 24% in 2023 but that the interim goal of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to achieve a 30% reduction in tobacco use by 2025 has not been met; the additional measures she believes are necessary at EU level to accelerate progress. — Colm Burke. [32834/26]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that paramedics with the National Ambulance Service based in Dooradoyle, Limerick, intend to go on strike on 12 May 2026; her plans to intervene to attempt to resolve this dispute; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [32868/26]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Health whether the review of insourcing published on 1 July 2025 included any quantified modelling of the impact of cessation on waiting list volumes and waiting times; and if so, to provide the outputs of that modelling. — Ken O'Flynn. [32884/26]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Health to specify the total volume of procedures, outpatient appointments, and diagnostic interventions delivered through third-party insourcing in each of the

years 2023, 2024 and 2025, and the proportion this represented of total activity. — Ken O’Flynn. [32885/26]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the clinical specialties and procedures in which third-party insourcing was utilised prior to its reduction; and whether equivalent in-house capacity now exists in each category. — Ken O’Flynn. [32886/26]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional theatre sessions, outpatient clinics, and diagnostic capacity units that have been added within the public system in 2025 and 2026 to replace insourcing activity. — Ken O’Flynn. [32887/26]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Health whether any risk assessment was conducted regarding potential increases in waiting times or patient deterioration following the cessation of insourcing; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [32888/26]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Health whether any patients previously scheduled for treatment under insourcing arrangements have experienced delays or rescheduling as a result of the policy change; and if so, the number affected. — Ken O’Flynn. [32889/26]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a comparative cost per procedure between third-party insourcing, outsourcing via the National Treatment Purchase Fund, and direct in-house provision for the most common procedures. — Ken O’Flynn. [32890/26]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Health whether any clinical governance incidents, adverse outcomes, or audit findings relating to third-party insourcing informed the decision to cease its use; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [32891/26]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department receives aggregated national reporting on waiting times for access to PrEP services; and if so, to provide the most recent data. — Ken O’Flynn. [32892/26]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national register or centralised data system exists to track demand for PrEP services across all providers; and if not, whether one is planned. — Ken O’Flynn. [32893/26]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of clinics currently delivering PrEP services nationally, including both public and private providers, and whether this number has increased since 2023. — Ken O’Flynn. [32894/26]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national standard exists for maximum acceptable waiting times for access to PrEP services; and if not, whether such a standard will be introduced. — Ken O’Flynn. [32895/26]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed geographic disparities in access to PrEP services; and if so, to provide details of any identified gaps. — Ken O’Flynn. [32896/26]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of individuals unable to access PrEP services due to capacity constraints in the most recent year. — Ken O’Flynn. [32897/26]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Health whether any interim or bridging access arrangements exist for individuals clinically eligible for PrEP but unable to secure an appointment within the public system. — Ken O’Flynn. [32898/26]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Health whether funding allocated to expand PrEP capacity in 2025 and 2026 has been fully utilised; and if not, the reasons for any underspend. — Ken O’Flynn. [32899/26]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which value for money is assessed in respect of funding provided to the Institute of Public Health in the absence of defined performance indicators. — Ken O’Flynn. [32900/26]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Health whether the current oversight arrangements for the Institute of Public Health have been formally assessed against the requirements of the Public Spending Code. — Ken O’Flynn. [32901/26]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Health whether any independent external evaluation of the outputs or impact of the Institute of Public Health has been conducted since 2020. — Ken O’Flynn. [32902/26]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Health whether funding provided to the Institute of Public Health is subject to periodic review or renewal based on performance outcomes. — Ken O’Flynn. [32903/26]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the annual level of Exchequer funding allocated to the Institute of Public Health for each year since 2020. — Ken O’Flynn. [32904/26]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent on technical aids for visually impaired adults in the south-east in the last two years; and the way in which the application process works. — Paul Murphy. [32913/26]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent paediatric appointment will be provided for a child in County Louth (details supplied). — Joanna Byrne. [32922/26]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the main contractor and any subcontractors engaged in the Heather House, Community Nursing Unit refurbishment project; the procurement method used; the contract value awarded; and whether the contract includes specific provisions relating to fire safety compliance works. — Ken O’Flynn. [32942/26]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Health the steps planned to protect patients’ safety in light of recent figures from the HPRA that show a major spike in the volume of illegally sourced obesity medicines detained last year. — Colm Burke. [32944/26]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Health the action she intends to take to protect patients from the health risks of the rapidly increasing availability of counterfeit obesity medicines which are untested, unregulated and unlicensed. — Colm Burke. [32945/26]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of ongoing concerns regarding overcrowding and inadequate postnatal facilities in a hospital (details supplied); the measures being taken to improve conditions for mothers and newborn babies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [32950/26]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the impact that overcrowded postnatal wards and sleep deprivation may have on the recovery and wellbeing of new mothers in maternity hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32951/26]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to increase postnatal capacity and improve accommodation standards for mothers in maternity hospitals nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32952/26]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Health the investment that has been allocated in recent years toward improving infrastructure, patient space and family facilities within a hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32953/26]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a review into patient experience and conditions within maternity hospitals, including overcrowding, recovery environments and supports for families during and after childbirth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [32954/26]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE can revise the current medical card application forms to more clearly capture disability-related expenses, and to allow applicants to present a complete account of their financial circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32957/26]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether a person (details supplied) will receive home help support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32958/26]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Health the steps she is taking to reduce the waiting time for patients to claim refunds for medication from the HSE raised by a person in Kildare south (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [32970/26]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1727 of 18 March 2026, if she will clarify whether a family farm that is included in the nursing home support scheme (fair deal) may be leased while the applicant is availing of the scheme; and if the ownership of such a farm may be transferred in the third year of participation. — Mattie McGrath. [32977/26]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Health notwithstanding current EU Commission delegated regulations (EU) 2016/127, if she will consider financial assistance or subsidy schemes to combat cost-related barriers to access to formula for mothers who are unable to breastfeed for medical reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [32994/26]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the lack of physiotherapy services currently available in the Clifden area, County Galway; the actions that will be taken to address this issue and ensure that adequate physiotherapy services are restored for those in need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [33033/26]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Health to outline her Department's plans to increase transport options for people who are medically vulnerable to get to medical appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [33076/26]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline her Department's plans to address the challenges facing Ireland given the ageing demographic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [33078/26]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a home help package in Tipperary, by length of time, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [33088/26]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrist posts currently filled within Tipperary mental health services. — Alan Kelly. [33089/26]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time taken by the HSE Drugs Group to issue a final reimbursement decision following receipt of a National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics Health Technology Assessment in each of the past five years; whether her Department has assessed the impact of these timelines on patients with rare diseases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33125/26]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered introducing a managed access scheme or interim reimbursement pathway for orphan and rare disease medicines that have received European Medicines Agency authorisation but are awaiting a final HSE reimbursement decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33126/26]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Health given that European data indicates significant variability between member states in the reimbursement of orphan medicines for rare diseases, the steps her Department is taking to align Ireland's rare disease reimbursement framework with comparable EU jurisdictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33127/26]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Health in light of the Health Products Regulatory Authority confirming that over 750,000 dosage units of falsified and illegal medicines were detained in 2025, with a thirty-fold increase in unauthorised GLP-1 type products, whether her Department has assessed the extent to which restricted access to authorised, reimbursed GLP-1 treatments through the HSE is driving patient demand for unauthorised products sourced online; the steps being taken to ensure equitable and timely access to authorised GLP-1 medicines for clinically eligible patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33128/26]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Health the public awareness measures her Department and the HPRA are undertaking to alert the public to the serious health risks associated with sourcing prescription medicines through unauthorised online channels, particularly in respect of GLP-1 medicines marketed as drops or microneedle patches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33129/26]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community pharmacies in County Cork participating in the Common Conditions Service as of the most recent date available; the number of consultations delivered through the service in Cork to date; the number of pharmacies in Cork selected as Data Champions for the evaluation of the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [33130/26]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Health given that the Common Conditions Service consultation fee is currently borne by the patient, whether she will consider removing or subsidising this fee

for medical card holders, particularly in areas of higher socio-economic disadvantage including parts of County Cork, to ensure equitable access; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33131/26]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of minors referred for gender-related assessment in each year from 2020 to 2026, including those referred domestically and those referred abroad through any mechanism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33138/26]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Health the total public expenditure incurred in respect of gender-related assessment, referral, and treatment pathways for minors since 2020, including any costs arising under the treatment abroad scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33139/26]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Health in the absence of a national data system, what mechanisms are used to track clinical outcomes, complications, or patient follow-up in respect of minors referred for gender-related healthcare. — Ken O’Flynn. [33140/26]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Health to identify the individual office or role within the HSE or Department that holds ultimate accountability for clinical governance decisions affecting minors in gender-related care pathways pending the finalisation of the national Model of Care. — Ken O’Flynn. [33141/26]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Health whether any formal risk assessment has been conducted regarding the continuation of gender-related referral pathways for minors in the absence of national audit systems, outcome tracking, or a completed Model of Care. — Ken O’Flynn. [33142/26]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Health the expected publication date of the HSE expert group report examining the implications of the final Cass Review; whether it will be published in full; and whether it will include recommendations for immediate changes to clinical practice. — Ken O’Flynn. [33143/26]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 160 staff promised for the development of new memory services in 2023 (detail supplied) that have been recruited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [33146/26]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Dementia Registry is operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [33147/26]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify whether the hiring process has commenced for a role (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33155/26]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Health to specify which named office or individual currently holds ultimate clinical and governance accountability for gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors in the absence of a completed national Model of Care. — Ken O’Flynn. [33179/26]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which clinical risk, patient safety, and service effectiveness are monitored in respect of gender-related healthcare pathways for minors in

circumstances where no structured national data collection system is currently in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [33180/26]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Health the reason no national audit or independent review has been conducted since 2020 into gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors. — Ken O’Flynn. [33181/26]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Health to identify the specific clinical guidelines currently in active use by clinicians in Ireland for the assessment and referral of minors presenting with gender-related distress, pending completion of the national Model of Care. — Ken O’Flynn. [33182/26]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the interim safeguards in place to ensure consistency, evidence-based practice, and protection of minors in the absence of a completed national Model of Care and national audit framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [33183/26]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Health to specify which office, official, or body currently holds ultimate policy and governance responsibility at national level for gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors; and the statutory or administrative basis on which that responsibility is exercised. — Ken O’Flynn. [33185/26]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Health whether any formal risk assessment has been conducted by her Department or the HSE regarding the operation of gender-related clinical pathways for minors in the absence of a completed national model of care; and if so, to provide the date, scope, and key findings of that assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [33186/26]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether any formal interim governance framework, directive, or protocol has been issued to clinicians governing gender-related assessment and referral of minors pending completion of the national model of care; and to provide details of same. — Ken O’Flynn. [33187/26]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Health to detail what national oversight mechanisms are currently in place within her Department to monitor clinical decision-making, patient outcomes, and safeguarding compliance in respect of minors referred for gender-related healthcare. — Ken O’Flynn. [33188/26]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Health whether any requirement exists at national level for the recording or reporting of clinical outcomes, adverse events, or complications arising from gender-related assessment or referral pathways for minors; and if not, whether such a requirement is under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [33189/26]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Health to set out whether her Department has issued any direction, guidance, or policy requirement to the HSE in respect of the collection of national data on referrals, assessments, outcomes, and costs associated with gender-related healthcare pathways for minors; and the current status of any such initiative.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33190/26]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether any legal or policy framework currently governs consent, capacity assessment, and parental involvement in decisions relating to gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors at national level; and to specify the source of such framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [33191/26]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Health whether any review has been undertaken by her Department into the adequacy of existing safeguarding arrangements in respect of minors accessing gender-related healthcare pathways; and if so, to provide the date and outcome of that review. — Ken O’Flynn. [33192/26]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Health to outline what measures are currently in place to ensure consistency of clinical practice across regions in respect of gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors in the absence of a finalised national model of care. — Ken O’Flynn. [33193/26]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether her Department has established a timeline, with defined milestones, for the implementation of a national data collection system, audit framework, and governance structure for gender-related healthcare services for minors; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [33194/26]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Health whether any formal risk assessment was conducted prior to permitting ongoing gender-related assessment and referral pathways for minors in the absence of a completed national model of care, national dataset, or audit framework; and if she will provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [33200/26]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Health who holds ultimate legal and clinical accountability for decisions made in respect of gender-related assessment and referral of minors in the absence of a designated national governance authority. — Ken O’Flynn. [33201/26]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that current arrangements meet the State’s obligations in respect of clinical governance, patient safety, and safeguarding, given the absence of national data systems and audit mechanisms. — Ken O’Flynn. [33202/26]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Health whether any adverse event monitoring system exists specifically for gender-related clinical pathways for minors; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [33203/26]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Health whether any cost tracking mechanism exists for gender-related referrals or treatments involving minors, including under the Treatment Abroad Scheme. — Ken O’Flynn. [33204/26]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Health the plans being considered to put no wait cards on a statutory footing to address the needs of people with chronic illnesses (details supplied). — Shane Moynihan. [33205/26]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [33225/26]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the elective surgical hospital for Cork (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [33226/26]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a shortage of librium medication that is impacting detox and stabilisation services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33227/26]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Health whether the full target of 960 whole-time equivalent agency staff conversions to direct employment will be achieved; if not, the revised completion date; and the reasons for the shortfall to date. — Ken O’Flynn. [33237/26]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on agency staffing in each year from 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and the extent to which this expenditure has reduced in line with the agency conversion programme. — Ken O’Flynn. [33238/26]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Health whether the conversion of agency staff to direct employment has resulted in any net increase in frontline staffing capacity; or whether such conversions are being accommodated within existing workforce ceilings. — Ken O’Flynn. [33239/26]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Health the current maximum whole-time equivalent workforce ceiling for 2026 constrains the completion of the agency conversion programme; and whether any adjustment to this ceiling is under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [33240/26]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national policy framework governs how Health Regions prioritise and implement agency staff conversions; and how consistency across regions is ensured. — Ken O’Flynn. [33241/26]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Health whether posts identified for agency conversion may be reconfigured by Health Regions into different grades or service areas; and if so, the number of such reconfigurations to date. — Ken O’Flynn. [33242/26]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Health whether any assessment has been carried out on the impact of the agency conversion programme on service delivery, including waiting times, patient access, or staffing stability; and if so, the findings of that assessment. — Ken O’Flynn. [33243/26]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the full name, job title, employing organisation, and professional qualifications of each member of the evaluation panel or evaluation team appointed to assess tenders received under the Health Service Executive’s procurement of a national Electronic Health Record (EHR) system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33256/26]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); her plans to expand access to dendritic cell therapy and other personalised cancer treatments in Ireland; if expanding the treatment abroad scheme will be examined to ensure that patients are not forced to repeatedly fundraise to access life-extending treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33257/26]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Health if she will assist in establishing the reason a former HSE employee has yet to receive his gratuity payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33333/26]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Health if a neurologist and multi-disciplinary team will be allocated to Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore or to another hospital in the wider Midlands area as there is currently no neurologist or multi-disciplinary team to support people with Parkinson’s disease in the Midlands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33343/26]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are living with Parkinson's Disease in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33344/26]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are living with Parkinson's Disease in Laois/Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33345/26]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Health further to HSE's commitment on 17 October 2025, that the National Clinical Programme for Ophthalmology would consider the requirements and feasibility of implementing an audit; whether this work has commenced; the potential audit approaches being examined; when priority areas for further exploration and implementation will be determined; and the expected timeline for progressing such audits in the interest of patient safety. — Emer Currie. [33351/26]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure by the Irish Medical Council in the years 2022-2025 and projected spending for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [33357/26]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Health if an alternative fee structure was considered by the Medical Council on the basis of grade or income when formulating their new annual retention fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [33358/26]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in her capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33383/26]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on plans to add further condition to the heel prick test for newborn babies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33391/26]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Health if there are national policies or additional resources being considered to support towns like Clonmel experiencing a rise in visible drug activity; if there is scope for legislative or policy changes to better address persistent public drug use and protect residential areas; if there are examples of successful interventions in other towns that could be applied here. — Mattie McGrath. [33431/26]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify whether AEDs are covered under the drugs payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [33443/26]

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

*1250. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which a young self-employed landscaper can become a fully qualified arborist (details supplied); if they can be allowed to avail of the State-funded grants and training pathways such as Solas/ETB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Séamus McGrath. [33270/26]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the annual cost of the Speak Out Programme in third level institutions for each of the years from

2022 to 2025 to date in 2026; his views on whether the cost reflects its value as a reporting tool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [31872/26]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is of the view that the Speak Out data is accurate and reliable considering only 784 reports were made in the two-year period from 2022 to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [31873/26]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether the Speak Out data is reflective of the prevalence of hate crime and discrimination on Irish third level campuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [31874/26]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has considered extending eligibility for Springboard courses to those not currently in employment who are not in receipt of State supports, such as those who have retired early. — Maeve O'Connell. [32081/26]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether minors in the international protection process, including unaccompanied minors, aged 15+ need a labour market access permit to access ETB Youth Reach programmes and CTC Youth Reach programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32256/26]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32289/26]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff that are currently inactively employed by his Department or any organisation with responsibility to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32309/26]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department engaged with any firms in the private sector in the development of his Department's new national AI skilling platform, 'AIReady.ie'; if so, if he will list those firms. — Liam Quaide. [32395/26]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost of establishing his Department's new national AI skilling platform, 'AIReady.ie'; the annual cost he expects to incur on a per annum basis moving forward; the length of time he expects the 'AIReady.ie' initiative to remain in existence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [32396/26]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current rates of pay applicable to apprentices across the various apprenticeship phases; whether his Department has undertaken any assessment of how these rates align with the costs faced by apprentices, including accommodation, travel, tools, and education-related expenses; whether he will consider reviewing apprenticeship pay levels as part of ongoing efforts to support and encourage young people to take up and remain in apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [32498/26]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of instructors that are employed by Tipperary Education and Training Board to conduct commis chef apprenticeship training in 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [33094/26]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts. — John Brady. [33382/26]

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

*1263. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of protected disclosures that have gone missing or have been compromised that have been submitted to his Department or State bodies that are responsible to his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [32294/26]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of contracts a firm (details supplied) has had with his Department in 2025 and to-date in 2026; the nature of services the company provided to his Department in each of those years, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [32826/26]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the percentage of the capital and current funding allocated to the Department that has been spent in the first four months of 2026; and if he will provide the same figures for the period of 2024 and 2025, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [33092/26]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a detailed breakdown of all gifts received in his capacity as Minister; the nature of these gifts and potential monetary value; the procedures followed in accepting gifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33387/26]

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gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 7 BEALTAINE, 2026
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 7 MAY, 2026**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will call for a boycott of the upcoming Nations League matches between Ireland and Israel on the grounds that Israel is an apartheid state that has engaged in ethnic cleansing and genocide; his engagement with an organisation (details supplied) on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32981/26]

2. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagements he and his Department have had with local authorities and national sporting bodies to ensure local sports

clubs are supported in applying for available grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32806/26]

3. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the nationwide audit of sports facilities to address shortages in areas underserved including towns with populations over 1,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33372/26]

4. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he plans to introduce a scheme to support sports clubs with the cost of purchasing land for playing pitches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31768/26]

5. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the funding agreed by Government for the post office network in January 2026; if the funding has been made available to An Post; the projects and services the funding will be allocated to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [33216/26]

6. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt an bhfuil sé ar an eolas faoi gheo-bhlocáil a chuireann isteach ar chláracha Gaeilge ó chraoltóirí seirbhíse poiblí a bheith ar fáil don lucht féachana sna Sé Chontae, ar sheirbhís bheo agus ar sheinnteoirí ar líne araon, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aige aon ghníomh a chur i gcrích chun a chinntiú go bhfuil fáil ag an lucht féachana fud fad na hÉireann ar ábhar sa teanga náisiúnta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33400/26]

7. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the actions being taken to protect young people online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [32803/26]

8. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the supports available through his Department and bodies under its aegis, such as Sport Ireland, to support darts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [33096/26]

9. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of sports capital grants will be opened for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [33161/26]

10. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he hopes to open up the Community Sport Facilities Fund and the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund for applications. — Séamus McGrath. [33164/26]

11. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the work of the Advisory Committee on the Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage, specifically on matters pertaining to items of Irish origin in international collections and how best to repatriate these, if necessary and when appropriate. — Conor D. McGuinness. [33098/26]

12. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the sports capital grant will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [32999/26]

13. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the capital funding programmes for sport, such as the Community Sports Facilities Fund will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [33292/26]

14. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the value-for-money assessment that was undertaken in evaluating a pay increase for the Director General of RTÉ. — Thomas Gould. [31948/26]

15. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the development of the national cricket stadium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [32816/26]

16. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to urgently address the extremely poor mobile phone service at numerous locations across County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33220/26]

17. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding available to offset the cost of facilitating summer camps in sporting clubs. — Thomas Gould. [31947/26]

18. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 2 October 2025, to provide an update on the procurement of a cell based public warning system for use during public emergencies, such as in times of flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [31762/26]

19. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of the two outstanding Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund applications submitted by Clare County Council in 2024 in respect of clubs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [33117/26]

20. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the up-to-date position on connection timeframes for NBI deployment areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33166/26]

21. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there will be increased levels of grant aid in the next community sports facilities fund scheme taking into account the substantial increase in construction costs since the last round of grants were approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33411/26]

22. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 45 of 16 April 2026, where under the revised 2025 National Development Plan under the National Strategic Outcome (NSO) 3 the National Broadband Plan is on track for completion by the end of 2026, to confirm that NBI deployment areas (details supplied) in Cork County are on track for connection in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33167/26]

23. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of the National Broadband Plan rollout in County Clare, with particular reference to the remaining premises in rural and coastal areas that were identified as on track for connection in the second half of 2026; the steps being taken to ensure those premises are connected within that timeline; whether any risk of delay has been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [33118/26]

24. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on the roll-out of National Broadband Ireland and efforts being made to service rural and

inaccessible parts of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [33293/26]

25. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he plans to build new public swimming pools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31769/26]

26. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the manner in which Ireland's International Sports Diplomacy Strategy supports the work and goals of his Department given his recent comments (details supplied). — Cathy Bennett. [33295/26]

27. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the review into the current funding round Community Sport Facilities Fund (CSFF) will be finalised; the budget allocation for the forthcoming CSFF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32811/26]

28. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he will respond to the call of theatre practitioners for multi-annual funding of theatre companies, to sustain and encourage the growth of smaller theatre companies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33420/26]

29. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which his Department is ensuring delivery of the final-phase targets under the National Sports Policy 2018-2027, particularly the participation and diversity commitments due for completion in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [33217/26]

30. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if any section of his Department has received any applications for funding for an ice hockey arena; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33159/26]

31. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will if he will devise a plan in conjunction with Galway County Council, to progress a publicly owned swimming pool in Loughrea; if he will consider Galway County Council's request for funding for a swimming pool project development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [32065/26]

32. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline any plans he and An Post have for a more expansive range of public services available at post offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32460/26]

33. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he expects to open the Sports Capital And Equipment Grant Programme for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32459/26]

34. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport in light of his Department aiming to open the new round of the CSFF in the first half of 2026, when the new guidelines will be published in advance to include updated eligibility and likely assessment criteria in this next round; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [32741/26]

35. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on any proposals for a ban on social media for under 16's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [32804/26]

36. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps that Monaghan County Council should take to secure funding for a swimming pool in Carrickmacross; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [33095/26]

37. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress being made on the UK and Ireland bid for the 2028 UEFA European Championships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32808/26]

38. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will report on the operation of the basic income for the arts scheme. — Cathy Bennett. [33294/26]

39. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether a report was ever written on the Section 481 Film Tax Credit stakeholder forum for the film industry held in Dublin in February 2024, in line with commitments at the time; and if so, if it has been published and where it can be accessed. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28776/26]

40. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to make a firm commitment that the necessary funding will be provided from his Department to rebuild a centre (details supplied) once the latest design plans have been finalised, and it is ready to go to tender in the months ahead. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32814/26]

41. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress he has made on the Programme for Government commitment to implement the New National Swimming Strategy by investing in pools and swimming facilities allowing everyone an opportunity to swim. — James O’Connor. [33162/26]

42. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to increase the Sports Capital funding to clubs across County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33221/26]

43. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the sports capital grants available to sports clubs that do not own or have ability to purchase land or are in a long-term lease; if schemes will be considered for these clubs to help them become established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32982/26]

44. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport given the Government’s commitment to promote the uptake of sport and physical activity by all citizens, if he will undertake a review of the available outdoor recreational spaces in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [33412/26]

45. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to report on the work of the night-time economy advisor for Galway city. — John Connolly. [33413/26]

46. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps he is taking to ensure the maximum drawdown of funds from the previous round of the Community Sport Facilities Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32807/26]

47. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he plans to extend the new late-night transport pilot serving rural night-time economy locations to other towns and other counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32997/26]

48. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when is the deadline for applying for the new basic income for the arts scheme; the way in which the new scheme differs from the previous scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [32998/26]

49. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has engaged with the Department of Education and Youth, and with Sport Ireland, to support equitable access to physical education and structured physical activity for young people at post-primary level, regardless of the socio-economic profile of an area or school; the way barriers to participation are being identified and addressed as part of wider sport and physical activity strategies; the way this aligns with the Government's objectives on inclusion, youth participation and lifelong engagement in sport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [32649/26]

50. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when details of the next Community Sports Facilities Fund will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33410/26]

51. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the implementation of the National Counter Disinformation Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33371/26]

52. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the progress of a potential arts capital grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [32742/26]

53. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund will open; and if projects such as a public swimming pool for Dún Garbhán in Port Láirge will be considered when the fund opens again. — Conor D. McGuinness. [33097/26]

54. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the progress made on the Programme for Government commitment to examine the introduction of a culture card for 16 and 17-year-olds to access theatre, music and art events. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [33000/26]

55. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to avail of the opportunity of Ireland's Presidency of the European Union to draw attention to the cultural sector, particularly in the context of challenges posed by artificial intelligence; if he will organise a conference during the Presidency on this issue; and if he plans to engage with the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33401/26]

56. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being taken by his Department to encourage the establishment of public swimming pools in areas where no such facilities currently exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [32980/26]

57. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will extend the basic income for artists scheme to all eligible applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33160/26]

58. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to ensure that the two upcoming international events, the Ryder Cup 2027 and UEFA EURO 2028, will have lasting legacy impacts for communities across Ireland. — Willie O'Dea. [33422/26]

59. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on her Department's policy regarding the deployment of the Defence Forces to intervene in peaceful protest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28428/26]

60. To ask the Minister for Defence when the outstanding payments due under the most recent local bargaining clause and under the national pay agreement will be paid; if she will acknowledge that the timely implementation of these payments is vital to retaining highly skilled and experienced members across the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32724/26]

61. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department or the Defence Forces have plans to renovate and bring back into use more than 80 vacant homes at the Curragh Camp; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [33195/26]

62. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the release of figures that show that Ireland continues to languish at the bottom of the EU table for defence expenditure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33417/26]

63. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the personnel number of the Defence Forces for 2026, 2025 and 2024; the steps she is taking to increase numbers and strengthen the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31761/26]

64. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will outline the importance of the National Maritime Security Strategy, particularly in relation to protecting critical infrastructure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [33263/26]

65. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of navy vessels that the Naval Service can now staff and put to sea; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [33199/26]

66. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans to increase cadet pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [33119/26]

67. To ask the Minister for Defence if a dedicated subsea infrastructure incident response plan is in place; the way in which such an incident would be managed across her Department and the relevant stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33169/26]

68. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the conciliation and arbitration scheme for the permanent Defence Force has been without an adjudicator since June 2025; when an adjudicator will be appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33416/26]

69. To ask the Minister for Defence whether consideration has been given to re-establishing a State supported national sail training vessel following the loss of the Asgard II; the current status of any proposals, engagements or feasibility work in relation to the acquisition or

development of such a vessel; the estimated capital and operational costs involved; the proposed delivery timeline should a decision be taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [32416/26]

70. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will commit to a public plebiscite on the question of the removal of the triple lock; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31760/26]

71. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the recent meeting with the chair of the Estonian Parliamentary National Defence Committee. — Malcolm Byrne. [32726/26]

72. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will ensure measures are continued to secure investment in accommodation throughout the Defence Forces; and following on from the positive progress made to date, if she recognises that modern fit-for-purpose accommodation is paramount for recruiting and retaining personnel and for the overall welfare of the members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32723/26]

73. To ask the Minister for Defence when her Department will be in a position to bring the Defence Amendment Bill 2025 before Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [33197/26]

74. To ask the Minister for Defence the establishment figure of the Defence Forces; the figure required under Level of Ambition 2 of the report of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and the total number in the year 2019 and currently. — Cathy Bennett. [33261/26]

75. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the matter of entry-level cadet pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33405/26]

76. To ask the Minister for Defence for a report on the recent meeting with the French Minister Delegate to the Armed Forces, Alice Rufo. — Aisling Dempsey. [33111/26]

77. To ask the Minister for Defence if she can confirm the Defence Forces are in possession of and can operate under-sea radar equipment and air radar equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [33198/26]

78. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on her visit to the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence in Tallinn. — Malcolm Byrne. [32725/26]

79. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on investment in Aiken Barracks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [32716/26]

80. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans for forward operating base for the Naval Service on the east coast; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [33114/26]

81. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which the process for the Army to be deployed to aid the Gardaí in operations should take place; her views on whether this process was adequately followed in terms of the recent request in relation to fuel protests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33418/26]

82. To ask the Minister for Defence if she has met with a group (details supplied); and to detail the work she has carried out to investigate and tackle misogyny in the Armed Forces. — Sinéad Gibney. [33327/26]

83. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on her actions to date to ensure cadet pay is increased to bring cadets in line with other entrants into the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33214/26]

84. To ask the Minister for Defence her policy on the provision of a national sail training programme; the level of funding currently provided to an organisation (details supplied) and any other providers; the number of participants supported by her Department in each of the past five years, broken down by age profile and region where available; the measures in place to ensure access for disadvantaged or underrepresented groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [32415/26]

85. To ask the Minister for Defence if she or other Departments have had any discussions with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding a future use for the vacant housing accommodation at the Curragh Camp; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [33196/26]

86. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of personnel who have joined the three branches of the Defence Forces in 2026; the number who have been discharged, retired, or otherwise left service; her views on recruitment in 2025 and 2026; her plans to increase or incentivise recruitment in 2026 and 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [33213/26]

87. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason Ireland's €19 million anti-drone system which was initially intended to be in place in time for the EU presidency is now not expected to be in operation until September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33419/26]

88. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding her recent meeting with UK Prime Minister Kier Starmer at the latest UK-Ireland Summit in Cork, in particular in relation to a new defence agreement between Ireland and the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [22374/26]

89. To ask the Minister for Defence the improvements planned for Stephens Barracks under the €1.7 billion Defence National Development Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [33259/26]

90. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the progress of legislation under the Strategic Framework for the Defence Forces which underpins the appointment and status of military chaplains, including mechanisms for representation by a Defence Forces representative association; and in the absence of such legislation, how protected military chaplains who deploy on overseas service to conflict zones are; who indemnifies them if they are not currently recognised as members of the Defence Forces and have no contract of employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [33215/26]

91. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the fact that no adjudicator has been in place for the Defence Forces conciliation and arbitration scheme since June 2025. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33407/26]

92. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans for a forward operating base on the west coast for the Naval Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [33296/26]

93. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has engaged with the United Nations General Assembly to bring forward the criteria for the fulfilment of the Defence Act and Triple Lock requirements; and to detail the action taken to work with international partners on this issue. — Sinéad Gibney. [33324/26]

94. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on her commitment to produce legislation to underpin the appointment of and status of military chaplains including mechanism for representation by a Defence Forces representative association; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33415/26]

95. To ask the Minister for Defence the current total number of members of the Reserve Defence Forces, based in each county, and the corresponding figures for 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021. — Matt Carthy. [33099/26]

96. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will outline any improvements to pay and working conditions for members of the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [32728/26]

97. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the planned legislation to abolish the triple lock; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [32066/26]

98. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeframe for legislation to underpin the appointment and status of military chaplains; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [33121/26]

99. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on her Departments securing of a medium lift helicopter, in terms of being able to monitor our seas at speed. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33409/26]

100. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide necessary benefits and improve the quality of work for Defence Forces personnel in accordance with the European Social Charter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33102/26]

101. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide an update on the current situation in South Lebanon; the current activities and conditions of the Defence Forces on the UNIFIL mission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32718/26]

102. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeframe for the appointment of an adjudicator for the Defence Forces conciliation and arbitration scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [33123/26]

103. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the Naval Service's current fleet complement; the number of ships that are fully crewed and are regularly at sea; the number that are currently undergoing maintenance; her plans to add to current fleet numbers or to replace existing vessels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [32979/26]

104. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on plans for a full-time naval base in Dún Laoghaire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [33113/26]

105. To ask the Minister for Defence in view of the deterioration in the geopolitical environment, if consideration will be given to the establishment of forward operating bases in areas which are distant from Army barracks and also considering the long land border we have with a neighbouring jurisdiction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33329/26]

106. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress made to date on reviewing the structure of the Army, taking into account the recommendation of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33328/26]

107. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the issue of chaplains, their terms and conditions and the issue of being without representation despite working for and being paid by her Department. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33406/26]

108. To ask the Minister for Defence the current capacity of An tSeirbhís Chabhlaigh to ensure the security of the State's maritime area in the areas of defence, drug enforcement and fisheries protection; and if she is satisfied with the current capacity of the Naval Service to deal with these issues. — Conor D. McGuinness. [33103/26]

109. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on whether sending Irish troops on military missions without the safeguards of the triple lock system would jeopardise Ireland's military neutrality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33101/26]

110. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Shannon Estuary and County Clare will be included for consideration as a potential location for the proposed new Naval Service base on the west coast of Ireland, as referenced in the National Maritime Security Strategy 2026–2030; the criteria are being applied as part of the site selection process for this base; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [33116/26]

111. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 256 of 24 March 2026, whether the Strategic Workforce Plan currently under development includes consideration of a formal lateral transfer policy for experienced personnel from other militaries; whether any such policy is being actively progressed by her Department or the Defence Forces; whether it is intended to include such a pathway in the forthcoming Workforce Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [25478/26]

112. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will quantify the amount of non-lethal equipment that the Defence Forces have donated to their Ukrainian counterparts since the start of the Russo-Ukrainian War; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32714/26]

113. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 256 of 24 March 2026, whether the Strategic Workforce Plan currently under development includes consideration of a formal lateral transfer policy for experienced personnel from other militaries; whether any proposals in this regard are being actively examined by her Department or the Defence Forces; and the Government's policy position on the introduction of such a pathway. — Michael Murphy. [25477/26]

114. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of recruitment applications the Defence Forces received, approved and rejected in each respective year from 2021 to 2025 inclusive and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [32978/26]

115. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will report on any discussions had with the UN regarding any missions that Irish peacekeepers may take part in following the cessation of the UNIFIL mission; if discussions have been had regarding Irish peacekeepers remaining in Lebanon after 2026 to support the Lebanese armed forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [33212/26]

116. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which her Department is supporting defence-relevant critical entities in meeting the enhanced cyber-resilience obligations set out in the National Strategy on the Resilience of Critical Entities 2026-2029, particularly in light of the requirements arising from the CER Directive and NIS2; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [33218/26]

117. To ask the Minister for Defence the functions formerly performed by the Defence Forces that the Government has outsourced since 2020. — Matt Carthy. [33100/26]

118. To ask the Minister for Defence the additional defence and security costs that will arise from protecting the Celtic Interconnector; whether the Defence Forces currently have the capacity to meet the demands associated with protecting this critical subsea infrastructure; if she will outline any planned increases in maritime surveillance and resourcing in response to heightened risks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33414/26]

119. To ask the Minister for Defence if the new east coast naval base will be located in Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Erin McGreehan. [32715/26]

120. To ask the Minister for Defence her key priorities under the new National Maritime Security Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shay Brennan. [33115/26]

121. To ask the Minister for Defence if she is aware of four meetings held between the Defence Forces and public representatives regarding support for homeless and struggling Defence Force veterans; and if she can clarify the action she has taken to support these individuals. — Sinéad Gibney. [33326/26]

122. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the revised defence plan deadlines in the Detailed Implementation Plan for the transformation of the Defence Forces, which have been pushed out again by Government, which will result in major defence projects such as the anti-drone CUAS system being delayed again; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33408/26]

123. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans for an expanded Naval Reserve presence in Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [33297/26]

124. To ask the Minister for Defence her plans for capability development in support of increased maritime security; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [33112/26]

125. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which her Department is contributing to the national risk assessment of critical entities required under the National Strategy on the Resilience of Critical Entities 2026–2029, particularly in relation to cyber and hybrid threats affecting maritime, energy and communications infrastructure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [33219/26]

126. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeframe in which she plans to dismantle the triple lock neutrality protection. — Cathy Bennett. [33260/26]

127. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has any records pertaining to a 19th century British Army rifle and musket firing range at Woodcock Hill, Meelick, County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [32713/26]

128. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide an update on the staffing shortages in the Naval Service; the progress made with the on-going recruitment campaign within the Naval Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [32727/26]

129. To ask the Minister for Defence when the implementation of the National Maritime Security Strategy, as it relates to our subsea communications infrastructure, will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33168/26]

130. To ask the Minister for Defence to report on any progress made in the investigations into the death of a Defence Forces member who was killed on duty in Lebanon (details supplied); when the independent post-incident inquiry will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32717/26]

131. To ask the Minister for Defence if there will be a continued partnership between Ireland and the people of Lebanon, given our longstanding commitment to peace keeping in Lebanon. — Paul McAuliffe. [32845/26]