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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 given the significant deficiencies in Ireland's swimming pool infrastructure and the pressing need for urgent investment and strategic planning to ensure every Irish person has access to swimming facilities, to outline in detail the way in which he intends to action this; the timelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [32735/26]

2. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport in light of the extensive availability of fibre broadband infrastructure across the State, if Ireland is now in a position to accelerate the switch off of the legacy copper network process; and if this will form a priority area for Ireland during negotiations on the EU Digital Networks Act as part of our forthcoming EU Presidency. — Robert O'Donoghue. [33834/26]

3. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to improve accessibility for artists to apply for the 2026 basic income for the arts scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33423/26]

4. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport following recent reports regarding the raising of the Coimisiún na Meán levy on radio by nearly 70% from 2024, the way in which he plans to support local and independent radio broadcasters in these unexpected rises. — Sinéad Gibney. [33369/26]

5. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of the law adopted by the French National Assembly in April 2026 with regard to the repatriation of heritage objects taken as part of colonial plunder; if he plans to establish a similar framework for cultural heritage objects in this State; when the Advisory Committee on the Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage last met; and the recommendations made. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33424/26]

6. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which he plans to ensure that the implementation of the National Swimming Strategy addresses regional and demographic disparities in access to swimming facilities, particularly in areas experiencing rapid population growth and sustained unmet demand such as Fingal, where limited access to public swimming pools persists despite clear and growing community need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33670/26]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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 sheinnteoírí 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the deadline is 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

65. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will outline her proposals to remove the triple lock neutrality protection; when she intends to bring forward a Bill in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33425/26]

66. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeline for the increase of cadet pay in the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33427/26]

67. To ask the Minister for Defence further to recent Dáil Éireann debates, her views on past health and safety measures in the Air Corps; the actions she intends to take to support former aircraft maintenance and ancillary personnel; whether she intends to ensure their medical needs are met; and the other supports that can be offered to the category affected as a whole. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33426/26]

68. To ask the Minister for Defence if she plans to introduce the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2025 providing for the abolition of the triple lock; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seamus Healy. [33645/26]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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 personal and for the overall welfare of the members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32723/26]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeframe in which she plans to dismantle the triple lock neutrality protection. — Cathy Bennett. [33260/26]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

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

*142. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide an up-to-date progress report on the Israeli Settlements (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2025 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33469/26]

*143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide details of Ireland's response to the latest attacks on the global Sumud Flotilla, which currently has a number of Irish citizens onboard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33561/26]

*144. 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 Departments which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33623/26]

*145. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to previous replies, to provide the average and median processing times for first-time passport applications in each of the past three years, disaggregated where possible by application type; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33624/26]

*146. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department maintains any internal service-level benchmarks or maximum acceptable timeframes for the completion of first-time passport applications; and if so, to provide details of same and any compliance data. — Ken O'Flynn. [33625/26]

*147. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to previous replies, whether any analysis has been undertaken to identify the causes of delays in first-time passport applications, including documentation verification processes; and if so, to provide details of the findings. — Ken O'Flynn. [33626/26]

*148. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any formal protocol exists governing the return of original documentation to passport applicants, including requirements for explanation or notification; and if so, to outline that protocol. — Ken O’Flynn. [33627/26]

*149. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any audit or review has examined duplication between documentation submitted during the naturalisation process and that subsequently required for passport applications; and if so, to provide details and conclusions. — Ken O’Flynn. [33629/26]

*150. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any cross-departmental data-sharing arrangements exist between the naturalisation process and the Passport Service to reduce duplication in identity verification; and if not, whether such arrangements are under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [33630/26]

*151. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any complaints analysis has been conducted in relation to first-time passport applications, including complaints relating to delays, communication, or document handling; and if so, to provide a summary of findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [33631/26]

*152. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has assessed the risk that delays in issuing first-time passports may impact the rights of citizens to travel or access services; and if so, to provide details of any mitigation measures. — Ken O’Flynn. [33632/26]

*153. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether any process reform or administrative changes are planned to streamline first-time passport applications for newly naturalised citizens; and if so, to provide details and timelines. — Ken O’Flynn. [33633/26]

*154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to review an application and escalate same (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [33646/26]

*155. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department or any bodies and agencies under her aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33721/26]

*156. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps her Department is taking to ensure the safety of Irish citizens on the Global Sumud flotilla who have been intercepted by the state of Israel in international water; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [33764/26]

*157. 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 Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33819/26]

*158. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action she has taken in relation to the seizing of seven Irish citizens that were part of a Gaza-bound aid flotilla (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33836/26]

*159. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the further action she will take in relation to the seizing of seven Irish citizens that were part of a Gaza-bound aid flotilla (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33838/26]

*160. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will raise the seizing of seven Irish citizens that were part of a Gaza-bound aid flotilla (details supplied) at an EU Council level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33840/26]

*161. 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 the Wicklow Wexford constituency in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33932/26]

*162. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of civil and public servants employed by her Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33952/26]

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

*163. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including energy and environmental infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under his 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. [33449/26]

*164. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including energy and environmental infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under his 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. [33450/26]

*165. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the analysis of an organisation (details supplied) of surplus grid energy that has taken place; if there is a proposal to make free surplus energy available to targeted customers in energy poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [33507/26]

*166. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will confirm, following remarks by the Taoiseach (details supplied), that it is the policy of his Department and the policy of Government to cease all commercial extraction of peat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [33554/26]

*167. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including energy and environmental infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Departments, and bodies under their aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33634/26]

*168. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including energy and environmental infrastructure projects, delivered under

the remit of his Departments, and bodies under their aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33674/26]

*169. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33715/26]

*170. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department or any agency under its remit has examined the potential for a State supported bulk procurement or aggregated purchasing model for small-scale solar photovoltaic systems for households; if so, the findings of any such examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [33733/26]

*171. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether or not he is aware that the SEAI online application system does not permit applicants to enter the correct spelling of their names using a síneadh fada; if he will take action to correct this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33792/26]

*172. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 68 of 18 March 2026, for an update on the engagement regarding the establishment by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine of a Food Vision Seafood Sector Group; whether representatives of the recreational angling and charter boat sectors have now been engaged with or consulted as part of this process; the current status and work programme of this group; whether any immediate supports, mitigation measures or transitional arrangements have been identified to date for charter boat operators impacted by the recreational pollack bag limit; when the group is expected to report or make recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [33796/26]

*173. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the additional staffing and administrative resources allocated to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to support delivery of the Traditional Homes Pilot in the context of increased demand for retrofit supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [33803/26]

*174. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a list of all capital projects including energy and environmental infrastructure projects delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33821/26]

*175. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the development of Ireland's Social Climate Plan; whether a draft has been completed; when the plan is expected to be finalised and submitted to the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [33900/26]

*176. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to consider issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); the current and future plans to make Ireland more energy resilient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33922/26]

*177. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide a list of all capital projects including energy and environmental infrastructure projects delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under his aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in the Wicklow Wexford constituency in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33934/26]

*178. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33946/26]

Chun Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*179. 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 Departments which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33673/26]

*180. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department or any bodies and agencies under her aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33717/26]

*181. 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 Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33820/26]

*182. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Acts for which her Department has responsibility; the number of these that have official texts available in both English and Irish; the number that are available in English only; the number that are available in Irish only; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33852/26]

*183. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will publish and or provide this deputy with a report, the EU-funded World Bank country consultation into Ireland's review of the strategic emergency management structures. — Aidan Farrelly. [33896/26]

*184. 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 the Wicklow Wexford constituency in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33933/26]

*185. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of civil and public servants employed by her Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33948/26]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the role, if any, his Department plays in the funding, policy development or delivery of rural transport services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33497/26]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department provides direct or indirect funding to rural transport initiatives to strengthen rural transport provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33498/26]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will examine the exclusion of a village in County Leitrim from a rural transport route that provides connectivity to a neighbouring county town which has traditionally served as the primary service centre for that area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33447/26]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the proposals arising from the Drivers Licence Exchange Committee Report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [33483/26]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline his Department's role in the planning, funding and expansion of rural transport services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33494/26]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the programmes currently funded by his Department to support rural and community transport, including the Rural Transport Programme and Local Link services; to confirm the level of Exchequer funding allocated to these services in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; his plans to widen, broaden or otherwise invest in rural transport provision nationally and on a regional basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33495/26]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the responsibility for the strategic development and expansion of rural transport services rests with his Department or with any other Department to indicate whether additional funding or policy changes are under consideration to address transport deficits in rural and island communities. — Grace Boland. [33496/26]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the assessment that has been carried out of rural transport needs in north County Dublin; whether any proposals are under consideration to expand Local Link or other rural transport services in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33499/26]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration has been given to expanding Local Link services to better connect rural villages with nearby towns in north County Dublin particularly where villages are experiencing population growth but limited transport provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33500/26]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the current capacity limits of the M50; the frequency with which incidents lead to full or partial gridlock; and the contingency measures that are in place when major collisions occur. — Peadar Tóibín. [33518/26]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport when the M50 was originally designed and commissioned as an outer ring road; the population and traffic projections that underpinned that design; and whether those assumptions remain valid today. — Peadar Tóibín. [33519/26]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has assessed the strategic case for an additional outer ring road around Dublin; and if so, to outline the findings of any such assessments. — Peadar Tóibín. [33520/26]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans, route options or feasibility studies for a Dublin outer ring road that currently exist; when they were last reviewed; and the reason they have not progressed to delivery. — Peadar Tóibín. [33521/26]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the proportion of heavy goods vehicles and non-Dublin bound traffic that currently use the M50; and the measures being considered to divert unnecessary through traffic away from it. — Peadar Tóibín. [33522/26]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has examined the impact of M50 tolling on traffic volumes; and whether local and regional traffic is discouraged from alternative routes and thereby concentrated onto the M50. — Peadar Tóibín. [33523/26]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the economic cost of M50 congestion, including delays to commuters, freight, and emergency responses; and whether this has been updated in recent years. — Peadar Tóibín. [33524/26]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement that has taken place with local authorities in the greater Dublin area regarding long term road resilience and orbital routes beyond the M50. — Peadar Tóibín. [33525/26]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government intends to commission new research or a strategic transport review on orbital road capacity around Dublin; and if not, the reasons for this decision. — Peadar Tóibín. [33526/26]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving licence suspensions in each of the years from 2018 to 2025; the number of suspended driving licences received by the National Driver Licence Service in each year from 2018 to 2025; the number of fines collected in each of the years from 2018 to 2025, for the failure to surrender a driving licence following a court order to do so, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [33574/26]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any exemptions from motor tax exist, whether statutory or discretionary, for individuals subject to protection orders who rely on a vehicle for personal safety; and whether any such provisions have been considered. — Ken O'Flynn. [33586/26]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33730/26]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the average carriage capacity on services operating on the Maynooth train line, per day, in each of the years from 2019 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33779/26]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports currently available to individuals who have literacy difficulties, including those who cannot read or write, when undertaking the driver theory test and the practical driving test; if alternative formats such as oral or assisted theory tests

are available; the extent to which reasonable accommodations are provided during the practical driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33800/26]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of all capital projects including road, public transport, and active travel infrastructure projects delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under its aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33822/26]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of State public transport services (details supplied) that hedges its fuel purchases; the amount it spends on fuel to operate the entire fleet per annum in 2019 and 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [33842/26]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if his Department is aware of these concerns; the engagement his Department has had with the Road Safety Authority in respect of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33885/26]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric buses in the Cork depot; the number of chargers associated with them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [33918/26]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will add an organisation (details supplied) to the list of blue light operators to allow them to operate drones without clearance in emergency situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [33919/26]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport to account for the membership of the IAA working group on UAS Geographical Zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [33920/26]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of all capital projects including road, public transport, and active travel infrastructure projects delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under his aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), which have been completed on time and within budget in the Wicklow Wexford constituency in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33935/26]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including road, public transport, and active travel infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Departments, and bodies under their aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33940/26]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including road, public transport, and active travel infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Departments, and bodies under their aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33941/26]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he or his Department have considered reviewing the exam; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33942/26]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33960/26]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans for the abandoned theatre (details supplied) in Busáras; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34200/26]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including road, public transport, and active travel infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under his aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), 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. [34359/26]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including road, public transport, and active travel infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under his aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), 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. [34360/26]

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

*223. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) do not receive the same level of flat rate expense allowances as other frontline healthcare professionals, such as nurses, despite carrying out comparable clinical duties and being subject to similar uniform and laundering requirements; and if he will consider extending eligibility for the uniform laundering allowance to paramedics and EMTs, given that nurses currently receive an allowance of approximately €353 per year. — Mattie McGrath. [33515/26]

*224. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when he was first made aware of a High Court case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33545/26]

*225. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will initiate a review of the relevant legislation and processes in view of a judgement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33546/26]

*226. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if an independent review will be undertaken of a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33547/26]

*227. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance given the Central Bank Act 1942 states that applications to confirm a prohibition order should, insofar as practicable, be heard and determined within three months yet the President of the High Court has indicated that this timeframe is not achievable in practice; the action his Department is taking to ensure this

provision becomes achievable in practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33548/26]

*228. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if compensation mechanisms are in place for the losses incurred for a person (details supplied) as a result of being prevented from working, given that the process has extended for nearly seven years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33549/26]

*229. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance given that costs were awarded against an organisation in a case (details supplied), the total cost to the Exchequer to date arising from this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33550/26]

*230. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider establishing a compensation or protection fund to support individuals who suffer loss arising from wrongful prohibitions or from investigations that are ultimately discontinued such as took place in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33551/26]

*231. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider correspondence (details supplied) and allow for a reduction in Vat, to 9% for the beauty industry in line with hairdressers and barbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33575/26]

*232. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any statutory provision within the Vehicle Registration Tax regime provides for exemptions, waivers or reduced liability in respect of vehicles imported by individuals who are subject to a protection order or similar court order; and if he will specify the legislative basis for same. — Ken O'Flynn. [33582/26]

*233. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Revenue Commissioners have any discretionary authority to waive or reduce Vehicle Registration Tax in exceptional or humanitarian circumstances, including cases involving individuals subject to protection orders; and if so, to outline the criteria governing such discretion. — Ken O'Flynn. [33583/26]

*234. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has conducted any assessment of the impact of Vehicle Registration Tax and associated motor taxation requirements on individuals in vulnerable circumstances, including those subject to protection orders; and whether any policy review is planned. — Ken O'Flynn. [33584/26]

*235. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether responsibility for considering financial or administrative reliefs for individuals subject to protection orders in respect of vehicle importation is assigned to his Department, the Revenue Commissioners, or another body; and if he will clarify the policy framework governing such cases. — Ken O'Flynn. [33585/26]

*236. 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 Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33620/26]

*237. 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 Dublin West in each of the

past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33671/26]

*238. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33720/26]

*239. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated annual Exchequer yield attributable to the deemed disposal regime as it applies to Exchange Traded Funds and other gross roll-up investment products held by individual retail investors; and to provide a breakdown of this yield for each of the past five years. — Ken O'Flynn. [33767/26]

*240. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Department has undertaken any forward projections or dependency analysis in respect of Exchequer revenues arising from the deemed disposal regime; and if so, to provide details of such projections. — Ken O'Flynn. [33768/26]

*241. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance what empirical analysis, behavioural modelling, or impact assessments have been undertaken since the introduction of deemed disposal in 2006 to evaluate its effectiveness in preventing tax deferral or avoidance by retail investors; and if none have been undertaken, to confirm same. — Ken O'Flynn. [33769/26]

*242. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any analysis has been conducted by his Department, the Revenue Commissioners, or any external body on whether the deemed disposal regime influences retail investor behaviour, including investment decisions relating to Exchange Traded Funds versus direct equity holdings or non-EU domiciled products; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [33770/26]

*243. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to identify any EU or OECD jurisdiction that applies a taxation mechanism equivalent to Ireland's deemed disposal regime, including the taxation of unrealised gains within regulated retail investment funds; and if no such jurisdiction exists, to set out the policy rationale for maintaining such a regime in Ireland. — Ken O'Flynn. [33771/26]

*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the effective tax rates applicable to Exchange Traded Fund investments under the deemed disposal regime compared with the standard capital gains tax rate applied to direct equity investments; and to confirm whether any internal assessment has been conducted on the relative impact of these differing rates. — Ken O'Flynn. [33772/26]

*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the policy rationale for the prohibition on offsetting losses within the deemed disposal regime, including whether any review has been undertaken of this restriction in comparison with standard capital gains tax treatment. — Ken O'Flynn. [33773/26]

*246. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether any analysis has been conducted on the distributional impact of the deemed disposal regime across income cohorts, including its effect on small and medium retail investors; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [33774/26]

*247. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Department has assessed the impact of the deemed disposal regime on retail participation rates in diversified investment funds; and if so, to provide any data or analysis available. — Ken O’Flynn. [33775/26]

*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Department has conducted any costings, scenario modelling, or fiscal impact assessments in relation to the abolition or reform of the deemed disposal regime as it applies to retail investors; and if so, to provide details of same. — Ken O’Flynn. [33776/26]

*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the deemed disposal regime has been assessed in the context of recent European Commission recommendations on savings and investment accounts; and if so, to outline any alignment or divergence identified. — Ken O’Flynn. [33777/26]

*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a detailed timeline for the publication of the roadmap on the taxation of retail investment, including whether the roadmap will include specific proposals relating to deemed disposal; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [33778/26]

*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the cost of each measure in the March 2026 energy package announcement; the additional costs associated with new measures and extensions contained in the April announcement, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33797/26]

*252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the action he will take in light of the AccelerateEU communication where the European Commission confirmed that member states can tax windfall profits of energy companies to ensure social fairness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33798/26]

*253. 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 Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33817/26]

*254. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of indexing all personal income tax bands and credits in line with the rate of inflation recorded in the most recent full calendar year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33857/26]

*255. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of indexing all personal income tax bands and credits in line with projected inflation for the current year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33858/26]

*256. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the standard rate cut-off point for income tax in line with inflation over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33859/26]

*257. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the standard rate cut-off point to a level that would deliver a net annual gain of at least €520 to a single PAYE worker on average earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33860/26]

*258. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated full-year cost of a package of measures comprising indexing personal income tax bands and credits in line with inflation; increasing the standard rate cut-off point to deliver a net annual gain of at least €520 to a single PAYE worker on average earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33861/26]

*259. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the distributional impact, across income deciles, of increasing the standard rate cut-off point to deliver a net annual gain of at least €520; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33862/26]

*260. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he will consider expanding the eligibility to claim tax back on gluten free food items to include all those with inflammatory or autoimmune conditions; if he will remove the tax at source on gluten free food items, to bring down the cost of these items for those who have no choice but to buy them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33879/26]

*261. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is considering raising the income tax exemption limit for people over the age of 65 years, which currently stands at €18,000 for an individual and €36,000 for a couple; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33897/26]

*262. 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 the Wicklow Wexford Constituency in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33930/26]

*263. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33951/26]

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

*264. 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 Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33622/26]

*265. 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 Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33672/26]

*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or

products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33726/26]

*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of civil and public servants employed in his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33781/26]

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if a proposal will be accommodated regarding the re-opening of a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33816/26]

*269. 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 Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33818/26]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation when the Strategic Review being led by the Office of Public Works in relation to the consolidation of State agency facilities at Dublin Port is expected to be completed; whether the findings of that review will be published; and if he will confirm whether it remains Government policy that the 14 hectares of land acquired for Brexit-related infrastructure at Dublin Port will be released once no longer required for that purpose. — Peadar Tóibín. [33898/26]

*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any review has been undertaken, or is planned, in response to the Comptroller and Auditor General's finding that a significant proportion of Brexit-related works at Dublin Port were priced outside the contract schedule of rates; and whether guidance has been issued to the Office of Public Works to prevent a recurrence in future urgent capital projects. — Peadar Tóibín. [33899/26]

*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 the Wicklow Wexford Constituency in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33929/26]

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

*273. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a list of all capital projects and programmes including those delivered through IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Fáilte Ireland 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. [33455/26]

*274. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a list of all capital projects and programmes including those delivered through IDA Ireland, Enterprise

Ireland and Fáilte Ireland 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. [33456/26]

*275. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a list of all capital projects and programmes including those delivered through IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Fáilte Ireland which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33647/26]

*276. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a list of all capital projects and programmes including those delivered through IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Fáilte Ireland which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33677/26]

*277. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33719/26]

*278. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the most up-to-date position on short-term lets (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33759/26]

*279. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide a list of all capital projects and programmes including those delivered through IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Fáilte Ireland which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33825/26]

*280. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of companies that the State has invested in that are also subject to State regulation by a body or agency for each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the level of investment in total, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [33921/26]

*281. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he will introduce the Short Term Lets and Tourism Bill 2025; if the National Short Term Lets Register will be in place on 20 May 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33931/26]

*282. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33950/26]

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

*283. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all school building, extension, refurbishment and other capital 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. [33451/26]

*284. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all school building, extension, refurbishment and other capital 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. [33452/26]

*285. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review an urgent case (details supplied); if her Department will contact the school and update them on their application for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33560/26]

*286. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the process for identifying suitable sites for an secondary Gaelscoil. — Robert Troy. [33562/26]

*287. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and percentage of parents of preschool children who indicated a preference for a multi-denominational primary school option in the recent national primary school survey. — John Brady. [33576/26]

*288. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and percentage of parents whose children are currently attending multi-denominational schools who indicated a preference for a multi-denominational primary school option in the survey. — John Brady. [33577/26]

*289. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number and percentage of all parents surveyed who selected the multi-denominational option as their preferred model of primary school patronage. — John Brady. [33578/26]

*290. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale for the Department's decision to publish survey findings focusing primarily on the preferences of parents whose children attend denominational schools, rather than presenting a comprehensive analysis reflecting the views of all respondents. — John Brady. [33579/26]

*291. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department will commit to publishing the full dataset arising from the survey, or at minimum a more detailed breakdown of responses across all demographic categories, in order to ensure transparency and maintain public confidence in the consultation process. — John Brady. [33580/26]

*292. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all school building, extension, refurbishment and other capital projects delivered under the remit of her Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33636/26]

*293. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all school building, extension, refurbishment and other capital projects delivered under the remit of her Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33675/26]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to address the shortage of special school and special class places, particularly at post-primary level in County Louth; the measures planned to increase capacity for students with autism and moderate intellectual disabilities; the number of new special school and special class places expected to

be delivered nationally and in County Louth by the commencement of the next school year, in light of the number of children who were unable to secure an appropriate placement in the current school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33701/26]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to reform the teaching of the Irish language at post-primary level to prioritise oral fluency, everyday communication, and cultural connection rather than rote learning for examinations; whether her Department has examined evidence that students' spoken Irish proficiency declines during post-primary education, including among former Gaelscoil pupils; the measures planned to ensure that students leave school as confident Irish speakers rather than solely as exam candidates, in line with the importance of the Irish language to our national identity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33702/26]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific, measurable actions being taken to address rising levels of racism, xenophobia, homophobia and transphobia in post-primary schools; the way her Department monitors and responds to evidence indicating that a significant proportion of minority ethnic and LGBTQ+ students experience bullying and harassment; the requirements that are placed on schools to actively prevent and challenge discriminatory behaviour; the way in which schools and other relevant institutions are held accountable for ensuring the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33703/26]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to ensure that all students, regardless of subject choice or participation in transition year, acquire essential life skills such as financial literacy, civic knowledge, digital safety and practical adult competencies before leaving the education system; whether her Department intends to expand or make mandatory the provision of life skills education at post-primary level, including at senior cycle; and the way the Government plans to ensure that students are prepared for adult life and independence, in light of evidence indicating low levels of financial and civic literacy among young adults. — Paula Butterly. [33704/26]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application by a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; when a response to correspondence will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33712/26]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department or any bodies and agencies under her aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33718/26]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to give urgent consideration to correspondence received from a school (details supplied), particularly in view of the long delay of this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33734/26]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to give urgent consideration to correspondence received from a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33746/26]

*302. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to give urgent consideration to correspondence received from a school (details supplied), particularly in light of the long delay of the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33747/26]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a list of all school building, extension, refurbishment and other capital projects delivered under the remit of her Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33823/26]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the guidance that exists regarding the use and deployment of Croke Park hours; the way schools are expected to utilise these hours; the way the effectiveness of their use is measured; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33854/26]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the provision of a secondary school in Newcastle, County Dublin; whether consideration is being given to the provision of a second primary school in light of population growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33863/26]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when it is expected that a school (details supplied) will progress from Stage 2A to Stage 2B of the Department's School Building and Capital Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [33877/26]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the confirmation of English as an additional language (EAL) hours for the 2026/2027 school year; the reason the new online form for data collection via the Online School Claims System (OLCS) has not yet been made available to schools despite the fast-approaching deadlines; to address the specific anomaly whereby children born in Ireland who are new junior infant entrants are excluded from EAL consideration in current data collection models despite having a demonstrated need for high levels of language support; her plans to allow schools to use their professional judgment and internal assessments to secure resources for these pupils from their first day in school rather than waiting a year for formal assessment results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [33883/26]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a progress update on the Programme for Government's commitment to reducing primary school class sizes towards an average of 19:1; if she will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if her Department will engage with the school to support the retention of staffing at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33886/26]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary school classes projected to have 30 or more students for the upcoming 2026-2027 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33887/26]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a Stage 2a meeting for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33895/26]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the projected number of primary classes of 30+ pupils for 2026/2027, by class level, with specific reference to infant classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33913/26]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the decision to exclude many Limerick primary schools situated in disadvantaged areas from DEIS Plus status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [33943/26]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of civil and public servants employed by her Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33949/26]

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

*314. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the oversight that exists to ensure that complaints relating to governance failures or misconduct at local committee level are handled consistently, fairly and transparently by national governing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O’Donoghue. [33835/26]

*315. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including sports, cultural and communications infrastructure projects funded under the remit of his Department including under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme and the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund, 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. [33501/26]

*316. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including sports, cultural and communications infrastructure projects funded under the remit of his Department including under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme and the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund, 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. [33502/26]

*317. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including sports, cultural and communications infrastructure projects funded under the remit of his Department (including under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme and the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund), which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33655/26]

*318. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including sports, cultural and communications infrastructure projects funded under the remit of his Department (including under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme and the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund), which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33680/26]

*319. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps being taken to ensure that young people have a meaningful and structured voice in decision making on social media regulation and other online safety policies that directly affect them, including proposals to restrict access based on age; the mechanisms in place to consult with children and young people on such measures; the way in which he plans to ensure that youth perspectives inform the development of future digital and online safety policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33711/26]

*320. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33716/26]

*321. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether a sports club or school can spend a portion of the Sports Capital Grant on consultants for the purpose of delivering the awarded project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33763/26]

*322. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including sports, cultural and communications infrastructure projects funded under the remit of his Department including under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme and the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33828/26]

*323. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a detailed breakdown of funding provided in 2026 by his Department for mental health and wellbeing support services for elite athletes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33901/26]

*324. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he is satisfied that the Arts Council has expanded eligibility for funding to all sectors of the arts; whether he is aware of any sector still excluded; the reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33910/26]

*325. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the Community Sports Fund will be opened; whether the amounts available will allow for increased costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [33914/26]

*326. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of civil and public servants employed by his/her Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33947/26]

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

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any direct financial supports are available to individual families of children with additional and high sensory needs for home-based adaptations, including the development of sensory gardens or therapeutic outdoor spaces at a private residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [33799/26]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person (details supplied) employed by Tailte Éireann will receive the agreed salary outlined in their employment contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [33815/26]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all capital projects including social and affordable housing, water services, heritage and local authority-led projects funded under the remit of his Department 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. [33511/26]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all capital projects including social and affordable housing, water services, heritage and local authority-led projects funded under the remit of his Department 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. [33512/26]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the report of the Local Democracy Taskforce, which was presented to him on 4 March 2026, will be published; whether he accepts that withholding the report until an implementation plan is finalised is unreasonable given the public interest in its recommendations; if, in the event of further delays in finalising the implementation plan, he will commit to publishing the report itself within two months of it having been presented to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33591/26]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update of progress on the recommendations contained within the 2024 DHLGH report “A review of the future of the Rental Accommodation Scheme” in particular, if he will report on the recommendations that the weekly AHB RAS rental subsidy limits be reviewed and that an AHB RAS forum be set up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33599/26]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an assessment has taken place on the additional infrastructure required for the population within a site in Dublin south-west inner city with several large residential construction projects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Máire Devine. [33600/26]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that will be taken to address the additional needs for infrastructure for large residential construction projects in Dublin south west inner city (details supplied), for example water, waste and power capacity; addition of primary and secondary school places; provision of additional primary healthcare; the transportation network, such as the provision of infrastructure such as additional buses/bus routes, to accommodate the expansion of public transport services into the area for future residents. — Máire Devine. [33601/26]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the research that was carried out by his Department prior to the recent changes to planning regulations for modular homes, specifically in relation to the potential for increased traffic congestion in areas with significant uptake in modular builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33615/26]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the research that was carried out by his Department prior to the recent changes to planning regulations for modular homes, specifically in relation to the minimum garden size where they will be permitted; if there is any restriction in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33616/26]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the research that was carried out by his Department prior to the recent changes to planning regulations for modular homes, specifically in relation to concerns of overlooking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33617/26]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the research that was carried out by his Department prior to the recent changes to planning regulations for modular homes, specifically in relation to disputes from neighbours whereby a new modular build in a garden negatively impacts on the liveability of their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33618/26]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households on the social housing waiting list, broken down by household type and by length of time on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [33619/26]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review a case (details supplied); his views on whether this is correct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33621/26]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will consider providing financial assistance for the renovation of Kilmainham Mill, in Kilmainham, Dublin 8. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33637/26]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all capital projects including social and affordable housing, water services, heritage and local authority-led projects funded under the remit of his Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33683/26]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33724/26]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all capital projects including social and affordable housing, water services, heritage and local authority-led projects funded under the remit of his Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Barry Ward. [33831/26]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 743 of 28 April 2026, to clarify details in respect of the criteria (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33884/26]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an assessment has taken place on the additional infrastructure required for the population within a 27 acre site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [33890/26]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that will be taken to address the additional needs for infrastructure, such as water, waste and power capacity; the addition of primary and secondary school places; the provision of additional primary healthcare; and the transportation network, for example any provision of infrastructure such as additional buses/bus routes, to accommodate the expansion of public transport services into the area for future residents (details supplied). — Jen Cummins. [33891/26]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has considered extending the mandatory retirement age to 62 years for members of the Retained Fire Service; if analysis of the potential cost has been conducted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [33907/26]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Summary of Social Housing Assessment for 2025 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [33909/26]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the deadline for postal vote and special vote applications for the two by- elections was set only one working/postal day after the moving of the writ; and his views that such deadlines, effectively disenfranchise persons who qualify, contrary to their constitutional rights under Art 16 of Bunreacht na hÉireann. — Marie Sherlock. [33939/26]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33955/26]

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

*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to carry out a review of the disallowance of fuel allowance for a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [33552/26]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total expenditure to date on the accommodation recognition payment scheme; the number of recipients currently in receipt of the payment; and the projected cost of the scheme to March 2027 under current policy. — Ken O'Flynn. [33607/26]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will examine a supplementary welfare allowance case (details supplied); and if his Department will work to resolve this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [33613/26]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to reconsider a fuel allowance refusal (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33614/26]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review a disability allowance refusal (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33667/26]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to urgently examine and allow for payment of carers allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33705/26]

*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33728/26]

*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether it is intended that individuals who contribute to pay full PRSI contributions after age 66, while deferring their State pension, may be excluded from treatment benefit due to the operation of the 'relevant tax year rule'; and if his

Department plans on addressing this inconsistency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33748/26]

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for urgent needs payments in each county in the first three months of each of the years 2019, 2025 and 2026 respectively, by category of application; and the number approved, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [33758/26]

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which he intends to project demand for the emergency response payment for future budget allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33843/26]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if renters whose essential personal items needed for immediate use (as per Stage 1) are destroyed as a result of weather events must rely on their landlord to make the ERP application on their behalf within the seven day time limit; if he will clarify the procedure for renters and landlords as regards stage 1, 2 and 3; if he will clarify, in particular, the protocol for instances where landlords do not submit an application within seven days of the end of such a weather event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33844/26]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are categories for family composition and circumstances beyond the categories of single, couple and dependent child; if he will give consideration to the additional cost of disability or costs incurred on a household when there is a member unable to work due to illness, injury or disability; if consideration will be given to the heightened risk of poverty faced by single parent families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33845/26]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a clear and comprehensive definition of the 'reduced and tapered level of support'; the way in which amounts will be calculated; the way in which it will be accessed; the protocols used to determine where and when they will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33846/26]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will elaborate on the note provided to members as regards the emergency response payment; if he will give clear examples of the protocol outlined when the person has opted not to insure the property; the way in which this protocol is applied in different scenarios; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33847/26]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to share his protocol as to what does and does not count as an inessential or luxury item; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33848/26]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any support will be provided to those who apply for stage 2 or 3 of the scheme but whose dwellings are deemed 'beyond repair'; if he has given consideration to relocation support payments in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33849/26]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has given consideration to extending the seven calendar day deadline to apply for Stage 1 of the ERP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [33851/26]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the eligibility criteria for fuel allowance, particularly in cases where an applicant is an adult in receipt of disability allowance but is assessed on a household means basis due to living with parents and the person is financially independent but cannot live alone due to the impact of a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [33936/26]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given in Budget 2027 to the introduction of greater flexibility or individual means assessment in cases where the person is financially independent but cannot live alone due to the impact of a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [33937/26]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will outline any plans to ensure that individuals in circumstances where the person is financially independent but cannot live alone due to the impact of a disability are not excluded from supports intended to address fuel poverty and vulnerability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [33938/26]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33958/26]

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

*373. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total Exchequer expenditure incurred to date, by year since 2022, in respect of accommodation, income supports and associated services for beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine; the estimated full-year cost for 2026; and the projected expenditure liability to March 2027. — Ken O'Flynn. [33602/26]

*374. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the policy rationale for maintaining temporary protection supports, including accommodation supports, until March 2027; whether any alternative policy options were formally considered to taper supports earlier; and if he will provide details of such options. — Ken O'Flynn. [33603/26]

*375. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether formal national criteria have been defined for determining, medically vulnerable status, the absence of safe housing in Ukraine for the purposes of continued eligibility for State supports; if so, to provide those criteria; and if not, the basis on which such determinations are made. — Ken O'Flynn. [33604/26]

*376. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any verification, audit or assurance mechanisms are in place to assess claims relating to lack of safe housing in Ukraine; the body responsible for such oversight; and whether any audits or reviews have been conducted to date. — Ken O'Flynn. [33605/26]

*377. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of temporary protection beneficiaries accommodated in private accommodation supported by the Accommodation Recognition Payment, State-contracted commercial accommodation, the modular or rapid-build housing; and the average annual cost per person within each category. — Ken O'Flynn. [33606/26]

*378. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has conducted or commissioned any formal assessment of housing availability, safety conditions, or regional stability in Ukraine for the purpose of informing Irish Government policy on return; and if so, to provide details of such assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [33611/26]

*379. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has undertaken any assessment of the consistency of support levels, accommodation provision, and financial assistance across different categories of protection applicants within the State; and if so, to provide details of such assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [33612/26]

*380. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the Coroner Report for 2025 will be published by his Department; the reason it has not been published to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [33446/26]

*381. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the High Visibility Policing Plan for Dublin city will be expanded into northside communities such as Cabra; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [33466/26]

*382. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a list of all capital projects including Garda stations, courthouses, prison and immigration-related infrastructure delivered 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. [33509/26]

*383. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a list of all capital projects including Garda stations, courthouses, prison and immigration-related infrastructure delivered 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. [33510/26]

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of driving licence suspensions in each of the years from 2018 to 2025; the number of suspended driving licences received by the National Driver Licence Service in each year from 2018 to 2025; the number of fines collected in each of the years from 2018 to 2025, for the failure to surrender a driving licence following a court order to do so, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [33573/26]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the proposed voluntary return scheme for beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine; the estimated total cost of the scheme based on projected uptake; and the policy analysis underpinning the proposed payment levels. — Ken O’Flynn. [33608/26]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the timing of the proposed voluntary return scheme has been aligned with the expected cessation of the EU Temporary Protection Directive in March 2027; and if so, to provide the policy basis for that alignment. — Ken O’Flynn. [33610/26]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a list of all capital projects including Garda stations, Courthouses, prison and immigration-related infrastructure delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under its aegis, which

have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33682/26]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33725/26]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the provision to extend the limitation period for clinical negligence from two to three years, as set out in the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015, will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33732/26]

*390. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 846 of 28 April 2026, given the procedures around naturalisation are not informed by the Gender Recognition Act 2015, if he will update his Department's policy in relation to recognising names changed through gender recognition certificates to ensure that the 'use and repute' process is not used for such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [33761/26]

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a join family visa application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33766/26]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the organisations currently represented in the Common Travel Area Forum; whether there are any human rights organisations involved in the forum; if so, which organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33780/26]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a list of all capital projects including Garda stations, courthouses, prison and immigration-related infrastructure delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33830/26]

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of expected attestations of new Gardaí in 2026; the date for each of them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33892/26]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the status of a citizenship application (details supplied) in view that it is over seven months since the application was first submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33915/26]

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when an application for an Irish passport (naturalisation) will be approved for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33928/26]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33956/26]

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

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to give favourable consideration to a TB valuation appeal in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33482/26]

*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total annual revenue generated by Coillte in each of the years 2020 to 2025, broken down by timber production, land transactions, renewable energy partnerships, and other commercial activities; and whether his Department has assessed the balance between commercial return and delivery of national climate and biodiversity objectives. — Ken O’Flynn. [33484/26]

*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost to the State, whether direct or indirect, of increasing the proportion of Coillte lands managed for biodiversity from 20% to 30% and the projected cost of achieving the long-term target of 50%; and the funding sources identified to support this transition. — Ken O’Flynn. [33485/26]

*401. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any binding or enforceable targets have been set by his Department in respect of biodiversity outcomes, native woodland expansion, or land-use change on Coillte-managed lands; and if so, the nature of those targets and any consequences for non-compliance. — Ken O’Flynn. [33486/26]

*402. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any independent audit, review, or evaluation has been conducted since 2020 in respect of environmental, biodiversity, or climate-related claims made by Coillte; if so, to provide details of such audits and their findings; and if not, the reason for same. — Ken O’Flynn. [33487/26]

*403. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to set out the formal oversight mechanisms his Department applies to monitor the performance of Coillte in delivering national forestry policy objectives; and whether such oversight includes regular reporting, performance metrics, or compliance assessments. — Ken O’Flynn. [33488/26]

*404. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current breakdown of land managed by Coillte by category, including commercial forestry, land managed primarily for biodiversity, recreational use, and other uses; and whether this breakdown is reviewed annually at Departmental level. — Ken O’Flynn. [33489/26]

*405. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has set specific targets for increasing the proportion of native tree species within the Coillte estate; and the timeline and policy instruments in place to achieve any such targets. — Ken O’Flynn. [33490/26]

*406. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a list of the public bodies participating in the Planting on Public Lands initiative; the total hectares identified for afforestation under this initiative; and the number of hectares planted to date. — Ken O’Flynn. [33491/26]

*407. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the updated Shareholder Letter of Expectation for Coillte will be finalised; whether it will include specific, measurable environmental and biodiversity performance indicators; and if it will be published. — Ken O’Flynn. [33492/26]

*408. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has conducted any formal assessment of the potential conflict between Coillte's commercial mandate under the Forestry Act 1988 and its expanding role in delivering climate and biodiversity objectives; and if so, to provide details of that assessment. — Ken O'Flynn. [33493/26]

*409. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of all capital projects including fishery harbour, forestry, agri-food and other infrastructure projects delivered 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. [33516/26]

*410. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of all capital projects including fishery harbour, forestry, agri-food and other infrastructure projects delivered 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. [33517/26]

*411. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of animal welfare complaints received by his Department, the number investigated, the number resulting in enforcement action, the number resulting in seizure of animals, and the number resulting in prosecution, by year from 2014 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33638/26]

*412. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department maintains a central database of animal welfare complaints, inspections, enforcement actions, animal seizures, prosecutions and outcomes under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013; and if he will outline the data fields recorded. — Ken O'Flynn. [33639/26]

*413. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether a formal memorandum of understanding, protocol, guidance document, or operational agreement exists between his Department, An Garda Síochána, Local Authorities, Customs, and animal welfare organisations in relation to suspected animal cruelty or neglect cases; and if he will publish or summarise same. — Ken O'Flynn. [33640/26]

*414. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the 226 successful prosecutions under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 since March 2014 are recorded by offence type, animal type, county, prosecuting authority, penalty imposed, and whether animals were seized; and if he will provide a breakdown. — Ken O'Flynn. [33641/26]

*415. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has assessed the adequacy of current enforcement resources for animal welfare investigations, including authorised officers, veterinary support, inspection capacity and legal follow-through; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33642/26]

*416. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the new animal welfare strategy due in Q2 2026 will include measurable targets for complaint handling, investigation timelines, seizure action, prosecution rates, data publication, and inter-agency cooperation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33643/26]

*417. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of all capital projects including fishery harbour, forestry, agri-food and other infrastructure projects

delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33685/26]

*418. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33713/26]

*419. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of all capital projects including fishery harbour, forestry, agri-food and other infrastructure projects delivered under the remit of his Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Barry Ward. [33833/26]

*420. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33944/26]

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

*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to assist family resource centres (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33587/26]

*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any review has been undertaken by her Department regarding the application of the Equal Status Acts in the context of licensed premises, particularly in circumstances where lawful refusals of entry or service are made on the basis of capacity, safety, or operational requirements; and whether any guidance exists or is planned to distinguish between legitimate complaints and vexatious or unfounded claims. — Ken O'Flynn. [33709/26]

*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update in relation to a Naíonra (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33765/26]

*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to a campaign (details supplied); if she has engaged with same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33811/26]

*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the survey carried out by a campaign (details supplied) regarding the delivery of residential places for adults with intellectual disability; the actions she will take to ensure that these issues are addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33814/26]

*426. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including early years, childcare and disability infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department, and bodies under her aegis, 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. [33453/26]

*427. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including early years, childcare and disability infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department, and bodies under her aegis, 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. [33454/26]

*428. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the date an assessment of needs will be carried out for a child (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [33480/26]

*429. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the consideration that has been given to introducing greater flexibility within the national childcare scheme for families with part-time, reduced or variable working hours; whether any review is underway to ensure that NCS subsidies better reflect modern working patterns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33569/26]

*430. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagement her Department has had with childcare providers regarding the availability of part-time or flexible places under the national childcare scheme; whether supports or incentives are available to encourage providers to offer more flexible childcare arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33570/26]

*431. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she recognises the financial pressure faced by families with multiple children in childcare where reduced hours of care lead to higher overall costs under the national childcare scheme; whether changes are planned to ensure the scheme supports affordability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33571/26]

*432. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has received representations from families in north County Dublin regarding the lack of flexible childcare options under the national childcare scheme; the policy or operational changes planned to address these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [33572/26]

*433. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including early years, childcare and disability infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33644/26]

*434. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including early years, childcare and disability infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33676/26]

*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 917 of 28 April 2026, the specific diplomatic and policy actions planned to progress the proposed European Union Equal Treatment Directive during Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, including any planned bilateral engagements with Member States maintaining reservations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33687/26]

*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to set out the policy basis on which reports of the National Review Panel are selected for publication or non-publication; the number of completed reports not published to date; the reasons for non-publication in each category; and whether she will commit to publishing all outstanding reports or summaries within a defined timeframe. — Ken O’Flynn. [33688/26]

*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to detail the current legal powers of the National Review Panel in relation to compelling documentation, witness testimony, and inter-agency cooperation; and to outline the specific additional powers proposed under the Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2025. — Ken O’Flynn. [33689/26]

*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to specify which Department or statutory body currently holds overall responsibility for the review of child deaths at national level; and if no single body holds such responsibility; the way in which accountability is assigned across Government. — Ken O’Flynn. [33690/26]

*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has assessed the absence of a national dataset tracking reopened child protection cases; whether this gap has been identified as a governance or oversight risk; and if so, the actions that are being taken to address it. — Ken O’Flynn. [33691/26]

*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she accepts that data on re-referrals is not equivalent to data on reopened social work cases; and whether her Department intends to require Tusla to maintain a distinct dataset on formally reopened cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [33692/26]

*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to clarify whether her Department retains any policy, oversight, or reporting role in relation to follow-up actions arising from Section 12 removals under the Child Care Act 1991; and if so, to detail the mechanisms through which such oversight is exercised. — Ken O’Flynn. [33693/26]

*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any formal interdepartmental or inter-agency governance framework exists governing the review of child deaths involving Tusla, An Garda Síochána, health services, and other relevant bodies; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [33694/26]

*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a clear timeline for the establishment of a national statutory child death review mechanism, as referenced in the Programme for Government; and to outline the key milestones for delivery. — Ken O’Flynn. [33695/26]

*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether all deaths of children known to Tusla are subject to review by the National Review Panel; and if not, the criteria used to determine which cases are reviewed. — Ken O’Flynn. [33696/26]

*445. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any audit, evaluation, or performance review of the National Review Panel has been conducted since its establishment; and if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [33697/26]

*446. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department or any bodies and agencies under her aegis use software and or products from a company (details

supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33714/26]

*447. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the potential extension of paternity leave beyond the two weeks currently legislated for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [33731/26]

*448. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the median and average length of time from a child's entry into State care to the achievement of a permanency outcome, including reunification, adoption, guardianship, or long-term foster care, in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33782/26]

*449. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently in State care who do not have an identified permanency pathway recorded in their care plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33783/26]

*450. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in State care for more than two years who have not yet achieved a permanency outcome; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33784/26]

*451. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in State care who have experienced three or more placement changes, in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33785/26]

*452. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or Tusla maintains any national benchmarks, targets, or internal performance indicators in respect of time-to-permanency for children in care; if not, the rationale for the absence of such targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33786/26]

*453. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any internal analysis, audit, or review has been undertaken in the past five years to assess delays in permanency planning for children in State care; if so, to provide details and findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33787/26]

*454. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Ireland benchmarks its performance in achieving permanency outcomes for children in care against other EU or comparable jurisdictions; and if so, to provide details of such comparisons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33788/26]

*455. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who have remained in State care for more than five years without achieving reunification, adoption, or guardianship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33789/26]

*456. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any statutory or policy-based maximum timeframe exists for achieving permanency for children in State care; if not, whether consideration has been given to introducing such a framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33790/26]

*457. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the governance and oversight arrangements in place to monitor delays in permanency outcomes for children in State care,

including any reporting obligations to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33791/26]

*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including early years, childcare and disability infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of her Department, and bodies under its aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33824/26]

*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether St. Clare's Baby Home, Stamullen, County Meath, is included in the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; the rationale for its inclusion or exclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33855/26]

*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding streams or grant schemes that are currently available through her Department or Tusla to support registered charities providing counselling and therapeutic supports to children and young people; and if she will confirm whether such organisations may apply for Tusla funding or Departmental programme funding. — Ken O'Flynn. [33864/26]

*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of civil and public servants employed by her Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33945/26]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*462. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the case of a person (details supplied). — Donna McGettigan. [33462/26]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to appoint a new orthopaedic surgeon in University Hospital Limerick following the retirement of a surgeon (details supplied) in order that patients are not faced with lengthy delays for surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [33463/26]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a referral to the HSE special care dental service for a person (details supplied) who is a medical card holder with complex health needs; the steps she will take to ensure this high-risk patient is prioritised for hospital-based dental care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [33464/26]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to appoint a permanent principal dental surgeon (PDS) for the mid-west region following the recent retirement of the previous incumbent; the steps being taken to ensure that temporary cover arrangements (details supplied) have the administrative capacity to process urgent exceptional case dental funding for County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [33465/26]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that a national Integrated Model of Care for Acute and Chronic Pain Services can be developed and implemented effectively where the HSE has confirmed that national data relating to the funding of individual regional chronic pain services is not available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [33470/26]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health whether the forthcoming Integrated Model of Care for Acute and Chronic Pain Services will require each HSE Health Region to maintain dedicated cost centres for chronic pain medicine outpatient services and interventional pain procedures. — Ken O’Flynn. [33471/26]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE intends to introduce a national reporting framework for chronic pain services covering expenditure, staffing, outpatient activity, interventional procedure activity, waiting times and cancellations by HSE Health Region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33472/26]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health whether any baseline assessment of existing chronic pain services, including funding, staffing, capacity, waiting lists and regional variation, has been completed to inform the forthcoming Integrated Model of Care for Acute and Chronic Pain Services; and if so, whether she will publish it. — Ken O’Flynn. [33473/26]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health whether the absence of specific cost centres for pain medicine and interventional pain procedures has been identified as a barrier to planning, funding or evaluating chronic pain services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33474/26]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has estimated the annual cost of providing chronic pain services across acute hospitals and community settings; and if no such estimate exists, whether she will request that such an estimate be prepared. — Ken O’Flynn. [33475/26]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health whether the forthcoming Integrated Model of Care for Acute and Chronic Pain Services will include minimum staffing standards for each Health Region, including consultant pain medicine, nursing, psychology, physiotherapy and occupational therapy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33476/26]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health whether the forthcoming Integrated Model of Care for Acute and Chronic Pain Services will include implementation timelines, regional funding requirements and measurable performance indicators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33477/26]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the risk that patients with chronic pain are subject to unequal access to services depending on their Health Region, given the absence of nationally available funding data for regional chronic pain services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33478/26]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will require the HSE to publish an updated national map of publicly funded chronic pain services, given that the most recent national survey cited by the HSE dates from 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33479/26]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health if information (details supplied) in relation to a series of matters regarding the policy, clinical and financial rationale for restricting access to long-acting injectable buprenorphine will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gillian Toole. [33481/26]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including hospital, primary care centre and other health infrastructure works delivered by her Department or the HSE, 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. [33503/26]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including hospital, primary care centre and other health infrastructure works delivered by her Department or the HSE, 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. [33504/26]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health if she or her Department have given consideration to targeted financial supports for parents who must rely on feeding formula for babies due medical or other reasons that prevent the safe administration of breastfeeding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33527/26]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review early intervention services, such as tongue tie treatment and other early services for those who might have difficulty in breastfeeding as a means to prevent avoidable barriers to breastfeeding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33529/26]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she and her Department have taken to advocate at an EU level for flexibility in the regulation of breastfeeding and the use and sale of baby formula, which can impact vulnerable families that cannot otherwise safely breastfeed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33530/26]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that zero referrals to the National Independent Review Panel (NIRP) in 2025 accurately reflects the number of serious incidents occurring in community health and social care services; and if so, the basis for this assessment. — Peadar Tóibín. [33532/26]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria and thresholds that are applied by the HSE when determining whether a serious incident should be referred to the NIRP; and whether these criteria have changed since 2023. — Peadar Tóibín. [33533/26]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health the number of serious incidents for each of the past five years that were assessed by the HSE but ultimately not referred to the NIRP; and the reasons for non-referral in each case, in aggregate. — Peadar Tóibín. [33534/26]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time taken to complete an NIRP review over the past five years; and whether any reviews are currently delayed due to panel capacity or recruitment issues. — Peadar Tóibín. [33535/26]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health whether the two referrals received by the NIRP in 2026 have commenced review; and the expected timelines for completion. — Peadar Tóibín. [33536/26]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent panel members recruited in the Q4 2025 campaign; and whether this meets the intended operational capacity of the NIRP. — Peadar Tóibín. [33537/26]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health when Garda vetting for newly appointed NIRP panel members is expected to conclude; and when the panel will be fully operational. — Peadar Tóibín. [33538/26]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health whether the governance and administrative relationship between the NIRP and the Office of the Chief Social Worker has been independently reviewed since the panel's establishment; and if so, to outline the findings. — Peadar Tóibín. [33539/26]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which compliance with NIRP recommendations is monitored; and whether data is available on implementation rates across HSE and HSE funded services. — Peadar Tóibín. [33540/26]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanisms that are in place to ensure systemic learning from NIRP reports is disseminated across community health and social care services. — Peadar Tóibín. [33541/26]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has evaluated the overall effectiveness of the NIRP since it became operational in 2018; and if so, to publish or summarise the outcomes. — Peadar Tóibín. [33542/26]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1964 of 18 March 2026, relating to omaveloxolone skylarys®, whether any interim arrangements are available or under consideration whereby, in circumstances where a family is willing to travel abroad, a patient could be facilitated in accessing this treatment while the drug remains under assessment by the HSE; whether the National Treatment Purchase Fund, or any other State mechanism, can be used to enable access to omaveloxolone (skylarys®) in another jurisdiction pending completion of the assessment and reimbursement process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [33553/26]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health whether the dispatch-time KPIs relating to allocation within 60 seconds (PURPLE) and 180 seconds (RED) are subject to any mandatory compliance thresholds, enforcement mechanisms, or escalation protocols where breached; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [33563/26]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health what operational or clinical actions are triggered when a 999 call exceeds the defined allocation time thresholds, and whether such breaches are recorded, reviewed, or reported. — Ken O'Flynn. [33564/26]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health whether the National Ambulance Service maintains any documented decision-making framework governing prioritisation where no ambulance resource is immediately available. — Ken O'Flynn. [33565/26]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health whether delays in ambulance allocation beyond defined KPI thresholds are recorded as risks within the HSE Enterprise Risk Register or National Ambulance Service risk frameworks. — Ken O'Flynn. [33566/26]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health whether any audit, internal review, or external evaluation has examined compliance with ambulance allocation time targets since 2020. — Ken O'Flynn. [33567/26]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the number and proportion of emergency calls in 2024 and 2025 that exceeded the defined allocation time thresholds of 60 seconds (PURPLE) and 180 seconds (RED). — Ken O’Flynn. [33568/26]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paramedic vacancies that currently exist within the National Ambulance Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [33588/26]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the reason candidates on panel NRS14276 have not yet been assigned posts with the National Ambulance Service; when those candidates can expect to be placed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [33589/26]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health whether delays in placing qualified paramedics are affecting ambulance availability, staffing levels, and response capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathy Bennett. [33590/26]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the shingles vaccine being made available for a cohort of immunocompromised individuals; to outline when a decision will be made on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33635/26]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health in light of confirmation that no structured national data collection system currently exists in respect of gender-related healthcare services, whether her Department has conducted any formal risk assessment regarding the operation of such services in the absence of comprehensive national data; and if so, to provide details of that assessment, including date, scope and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [33656/26]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that the absence of a national dataset capturing referral numbers, treatments, outcomes and associated costs for minors accessing gender-related healthcare represents a governance gap; and if so, the steps being taken at Departmental level to address this. — Ken O’Flynn. [33657/26]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health to specify the current governance and accountability framework at departmental level for oversight of gender-related healthcare services for minors, including the identification of the office or official with ultimate responsibility for policy and clinical oversight. — Ken O’Flynn. [33658/26]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has issued any interim policy direction, guidance, or governance framework to the HSE in respect of gender-related healthcare services for minors pending completion of the proposed national model of care; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [33659/26]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has sought or received any assurance from the HSE that adequate clinical governance, audit, and safeguarding mechanisms are currently in place for gender-related healthcare services for minors; and if so, to outline the basis of such assurances. — Ken O’Flynn. [33660/26]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health whether any performance indicators, outcome measures, or clinical quality metrics are currently required or monitored at national level in respect of gender-related healthcare services for minors; and if not, the reason for same. — Ken O’Flynn. [33661/26]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has undertaken any evaluation of the financial governance arrangements associated with gender-related healthcare services for minors, including expenditure tracking, cost controls, or value-for-money assessment; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [33662/26]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health whether she considers it appropriate that gender-related healthcare services for minors are currently operating in the absence of a completed national model of care, national audit structures, and comprehensive data collection systems; and if so, the basis for that position. — Ken O'Flynn. [33663/26]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the timeline and specific milestones for the introduction of a national data collection system, audit and monitoring mechanisms, and a formal governance framework for gender-related healthcare services for minors. — Ken O'Flynn. [33664/26]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health whether any interim safeguards or escalation mechanisms are currently in place where concerns arise in relation to clinical decision-making, patient outcomes, or safeguarding in gender-related healthcare services for minors; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [33665/26]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health if the modular building being erected outside LUH ED for boarding patients waiting to be admitted to the hospital will be used permanently instead of the construction of a purpose built injuries unit for LUH; if so, if the necessary resources be given to staff this area if it is to become the injuries unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33666/26]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including hospital, primary care centre and other health infrastructure works delivered by her Department or the HSE, which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33668/26]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the Health Service Executive has issued any written policy, circular, guidance, or directive since 2018 concerning the reporting, recording, or measurement of activity on a sessional basis in respect of publicly funded health services; if so, to outline the nature, scope, and status of such guidance, including the dates of issuance and the bodies to which it applies; and to provide copies of any such documents. — Ken O'Flynn. [33669/26]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has carried out any work to determine the number of people in Ireland living with myelodysplastic syndrome; if this data is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33679/26]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health she will provide a list of all capital projects, including hospital, primary care centre and other health infrastructure works delivered by her Department or the HSE, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33681/26]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 887 of 21 April 2026, if the external expert panel will aim to establish certain matters (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33686/26]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health to intervene to ensure that a person with diabetes (details supplied) is given access to appropriate tools to manage glucose levels. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33698/26]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of home care provision is being allocated to private home care agencies; and the percentage of home care provision that is being provided by HSE home support workers. — Michael Collins. [33699/26]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE pay private agencies per hour, for home support services in 2026 (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [33700/26]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the shingles vaccine for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [33735/26]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has established, or intends to establish, a specific national clinical governance framework governing referrals by multidisciplinary teams for gender-related interventions funded through the treatment abroad scheme; if so, the timeline for its introduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33736/26]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health who holds ultimate policy and governance responsibility within her Department or the HSE for oversight of multidisciplinary team recommendations underpinning applications to the treatment abroad scheme for gender-related interventions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33737/26]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is satisfied that the absence of a national audit or review of gender healthcare referral pathways since 2023 is consistent with her Department’s obligations in respect of clinical governance and patient safety; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33738/26]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has directed the HSE to establish structured national data collection systems in respect of gender healthcare referrals and outcomes, including those funded through the treatment abroad scheme; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33739/26]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health what policy provisions exist to ensure the monitoring of clinical outcomes, complications, and follow-up care for patients who undergo gender-related interventions funded through the treatment abroad scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33740/26]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health what interim governance, safeguarding, and risk management measures are currently in place pending the completion of the HSE’s updated model of care for gender healthcare services expected in Q4 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33741/26]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department conducted any formal policy review following publication of the final Cass Review into gender identity services in the United

Kingdom; if not, the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33742/26]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has assessed the extent to which current gender healthcare referral pathways, including those involving the treatment abroad scheme, are aligned with emerging international clinical evidence and standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33743/26]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health whether the forthcoming HSE model of care for gender healthcare services will include provisions for audit, data collection, clinical governance, and outcome monitoring; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33744/26]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that the absence of structured data collection, national audit, and a defined clinical governance framework represents a policy gap in the oversight of gender healthcare services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33745/26]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department maintains any central record, oversight mechanism, or reporting framework in respect of reimbursement applications for high-cost or rare disease medicines, including orphan drugs; and if not, how the Department exercises policy oversight of access to such medicines. — Ken O’Flynn. [33750/26]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health whether any formal escalation, prioritisation, or exceptional review mechanism exists within the HSE or under her Department’s policy remit for reimbursement applications relating to rare or progressive neurological conditions, including Friedreich’s ataxia; and if she will detail the criteria and governance of any such mechanism. — Ken O’Flynn. [33751/26]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of reimbursement applications for orphan or rare disease medicines that have been completed within the 180-day timeline referenced in policy agreements since 2021; and if she will provide a breakdown by year. — Ken O’Flynn. [33752/26]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health whether she considers it appropriate that no prioritisation framework exists within the State’s reimbursement system for life-limiting or progressive rare diseases; and whether any review of this policy position is underway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [33753/26]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE maintains a national register or consolidated dataset of patients diagnosed with rare neurological conditions, including Friedreich’s ataxia; and if not, whether any plans are in place to establish such a dataset for service planning purposes. — Ken O’Flynn. [33754/26]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health whether a nationally defined clinical pathway, model of care, or designated specialist service exists for patients diagnosed with Friedreich’s ataxia; and if not, how care is currently coordinated across the State. — Ken O’Flynn. [33755/26]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the current operational status of any early access or compassionate access schemes for rare disease medicines; and to confirm whether any such schemes are currently available to patients in Ireland. — Ken O’Flynn. [33756/26]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline, governance structure, and eligibility criteria for the proposed “sandboxed early access programme” for rare diseases referenced in the National Rare Disease Strategy 2025–2030. — Ken O’Flynn. [33757/26]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health to provide clarification on the way in which the Mental Health Bill 2024 will be interpreted and applied in relation to adult transgender people seeking gender-affirming hormone therapy; to confirm whether informed consent through a GP, with appropriate information, will be the default pathway without the requirement for prior psychiatric or psychological assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33793/26]

*543. 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); the actions planned to improve equitable and timely access to specialist neurological services across the country; the timeline for implementation of these measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33794/26]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 958 of 3 March 2026, if the Alcohol Act Technical Evaluation Group submitted an interim report; if so, the date; if not, the timeline now being worked towards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33795/26]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeframe for the publication of the general scheme of the health (assisted human reproduction) (amendment) Bill; whether a timeline with target milestones has been set for the completion of drafting and Government approval; the current stage of work being undertaken by her Department, the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [33806/26]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken by her Department and the HSE to improve access to multidisciplinary neurological services, including physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, neuropsychology, dietetics and inpatient neurorehabilitation; and if she will provide an indicative timeline for the implementation of these measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [33807/26]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national plan is in place to ensure equitable access to specialist neurological services across all regions, having regard to reported disparities between centres; if she will outline any planned service expansions or workforce increases in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [33808/26]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on current waiting times for neurology services; the current number of persons on neurology outpatient waiting lists by hospital group; the actions being taken to address these waiting lists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [33809/26]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on neurology outpatient waiting lists; the average waiting time for an appointment; the actions being taken to reduce these waiting lists, by hospital, for each of the years 2020 to 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [33810/26]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the funding and delivery of residential places for adults with intellectual disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33812/26]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the merits of the provision of emergency funding for housing and full-time care for the adult children of aging parents; if this is under consideration within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33813/26]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a list of all capital projects, including hospitals, primary care centres and other health infrastructure works delivered by her Department or the HSE, which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33829/26]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Acts for which her Department has responsibility; the number of these that have official texts available in both English and Irish; the number that are available in English only; the number that are available in Irish only; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33853/26]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify which Department, agency or statutory body has responsibility for the provision of funding to community-based counselling and psychotherapy charities delivering low-cost mental health supports to the public; and if she will outline the recognised pathway by which such organisations may secure recurring State funding. — Ken O'Flynn. [33868/26]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health whether funding is currently available under the national mental health strategy for community-led early intervention counselling and psychotherapy services; and if she will provide details of the relevant budget lines, grant schemes or commissioning arrangements which support prevention and early intervention mental health services outside of HSE directly delivered services. — Ken O'Flynn. [33869/26]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has considered the establishment of a dedicated national funding scheme to support community-based counselling and psychotherapy charities; and if she will provide an update on any work underway in this regard. — Ken O'Flynn. [33870/26]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of funding allocated in each of the past three years for community-based mental health supports in East Cork, including any funding provided to community counselling and psychotherapy providers; and if she will outline any planned service developments to address unmet need in the area. — Ken O'Flynn. [33871/26]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health what funding streams or supports are currently available to registered charities providing counselling and psychotherapy services to children and adolescents; and if she will outline what measures are in place to expand community-led early intervention mental health supports for young people. — Ken O'Flynn. [33872/26]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE provides funding, service level agreements or commissioning arrangements to community-based charities providing counselling

and psychotherapy supports; and if she will outline the process by which a registered charity may apply to become eligible for HSE-funded service delivery. — Ken O’Flynn. [33873/26]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE provides multi-annual or core operational funding to support the sustainability of community-based charities delivering counselling and mental health supports; and if she will provide details of any such funding mechanisms currently in place. — Ken O’Flynn. [33874/26]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all current funding programmes, grant schemes or financial supports available through her department or the HSE to registered charities providing counselling, psychotherapy, and community-based mental health supports; and to confirm which schemes are expected to be open for application in 2026 or 2027. — Ken O’Flynn. [33875/26]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether any dedicated funding stream currently exists to support community-based counselling and psychotherapy charities delivering low-cost services outside of the HSE; and if no such funding stream exists, to outline what funding routes are currently available to such organisations. — Ken O’Flynn. [33876/26]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure orthodontal surgery is expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [33878/26]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be transferred to St. Vincents Hospital; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33880/26]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) antibody injection for newborn babies, amidst news that it is at risk of being discontinued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [33882/26]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the annual bill for agency staff in each acute hospital, per staff type, doctor, nursing, support grades and administration for 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [33888/26]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the share of the total wage bill in each acute hospital that is attributable to agency staffing for 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [33889/26]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the total professional fees paid to date to architects and design consultants involved in the National Children’s Hospital project; the basis on which those fees were calculated, including whether they were linked to a percentage of construction cost; the original estimated professional fees when the project was first approved at an estimated cost of approximately €800 million; the current projected total of such fees; and whether she will publish a breakdown of design revisions, plan changes and cost variations that contributed to increases in professional fees over the lifetime of the project. — Paul Lawless. [33893/26]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board maintains records of the number and nature of revised architectural drawings and design changes issued during construction of the National Children’s Hospital; whether these revisions contributed to additional construction costs and delays; and if she

will provide details of any value-for-money or performance reviews conducted in relation to architectural and design consultancy services on the project. — Paul Lawless. [33894/26]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the qualifying criteria for the critical illness protocol; if there is a defined list of medical conditions that qualify under this scheme; if those who contracted long-Covid while working on the frontlines during the pandemic for the HSE are eligible for this payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [33904/26]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications submitted under the critical illness protocol in each of the years 2021 to date; the number approved; the number refused; the number currently pending, with specific breakdowns for applications citing long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [33905/26]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the number of amendments tabled to the Mental Health Bill 2024 at all stages, broken down by Government and opposition; the number of the amendments that were accepted, broken down by Government and opposition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [33906/26]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health to list all mixed-sex and single-sex acute psychiatric wards across all hospitals here; and the plans towards the future development of single-sex acute psychiatric wards. — Marie Sherlock. [33916/26]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health to set out the gender safety protocols that exist in acute psychiatric wards across all psychiatric facilities in the country. — Marie Sherlock. [33917/26]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of civil and public servants employed by her Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [33954/26]

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

*576. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including further and higher education campus, ETB and research infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Department 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. [33513/26]

*577. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including further and higher education campus, ETB and research infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Department 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. [33514/26]

*578. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which ongoing compliance of the English language sector will be monitored under Trust Ed Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33593/26]

*579. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which his Department will ensure that escrow accounts are being used by all education

providers that are awarded the Trust Ed Ireland quality mark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33594/26]

*580. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which his Department will receive complaints relating to breaches of Trust Ed Ireland by education providers, who will investigate these complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33595/26]

*581. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration is being given to establishing a Government led complaints mechanism for the English language sector as part of Trust Ed Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33596/26]

*582. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he is satisfied that international students are, in practice, receiving refunds of course fees within expected timeframes under the ILEP following a visa refusal, in light of reported delays in such refunds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [33597/26]

*583. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including further and higher education campus, ETB and research infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33684/26]

*584. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33722/26]

*585. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including further and higher education campus, ETB and research infrastructure projects, delivered under the remit of his Department which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form. — Barry Ward. [33832/26]

*586. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a list of all further and higher education services available in the Clondalkin area; whether there are plans to increase the number of such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [33856/26]

*587. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33953/26]

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

*588. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the status of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [33468/26]

*589. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide a list of all capital projects including those delivered under LEADER, the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, CLÁR, the town and village renewal scheme, the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme and Údarás na Gaeltachta programmes 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. [33506/26]

*590. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide a list of all capital projects including those delivered under LEADER, the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, CLÁR, the town and village renewal scheme, the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme and Údarás na Gaeltachta programmes which have been completed on time and within budget in Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [33654/26]

*591. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide a list of all capital projects, including those delivered under LEADER, the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, CLÁR, the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and Údarás na Gaeltachta programmes which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [33678/26]

*592. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department or any bodies and agencies under his aegis use software and or products from a company (details supplied); and the duration and cost of the contract; and the services they avail of from the company. — Aidan Farrelly. [33727/26]

*593. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide a list of all capital projects including those delivered under LEADER, the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, CLÁR, the town and village renewal scheme, the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme and Údarás na Gaeltachta programmes which have been completed on time and within budget in Dublin in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [33827/26]

*594. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding streams that are currently available through his Department to support registered charities delivering essential community services, including counselling, mental health and wellbeing supports; and if he will outline the eligibility criteria which apply. — Ken O'Flynn. [33865/26]

*595. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether his Department provides match-funding, bridging supports or emergency sustainability funding to registered charities providing essential community-based services; and if he will provide details of any such schemes currently in place. — Ken O'Flynn. [33866/26]

*596. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of all current funding programmes and grant schemes administered by his Department, or through agencies funded by his Department, which may be accessed by registered charities providing community-based counselling and wellbeing supports; and to confirm which schemes are expected to open for applications in 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [33867/26]

*597. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide a list of all capital projects including those delivered under LEADER, the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, CLÁR, the town and village renewal scheme, the outdoor

recreation infrastructure scheme and Údarás na Gaeltachta programmes 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. [33912/26]

*598. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total amount of funding allocated under the town and village renewal scheme, by county, since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [33925/26]

*599. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total amount of funding allocated under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme, by county, since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [33926/26]

*600. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total amount of funding allocated under the CLAR Scheme, by county, , since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [33927/26]

*601. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33957/26]