



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Tony McCormack. [9931/26]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Albert Dolan. [9932/26]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [9933/26]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — James O’Connor. [9934/26]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [29769/26]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [29771/26]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [29775/26]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Ruth Coppinger. [29777/26]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30022/26]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — James Geoghegan. [28756/26]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [30497/26]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — John Connolly. [30661/26]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [31985/26]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — David Cullinane. [31989/26]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32447/26]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32454/26]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [32457/26]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [32616/26]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Ged Nash. [32619/26]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32858/26]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet. — Rory Hearne. [34358/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Darren O’Rourke. [31755/26]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Liam Quaide. [31757/26]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Mark Ward. [31950/26]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [31986/26]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32448/26]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32455/26]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [32458/26]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Conor D. McGuinness. [32617/26]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Roderic O’Gorman. [32859/26]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Duncan Smith. [32860/26]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [32864/26]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34827/26]

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

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

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

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

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

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Darren O’Rourke. [31756/26]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Mary Lou McDonald. [32082/26]

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32449/26]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Ivana Bacik. [34718/26]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34828/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

59. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Mark Ward. [31949/26]

60. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — David Cullinane. [31988/26]

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Jen Cummins. [32603/26]

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Ciarán Ahern. [32861/26]

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32865/26]

64. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet. — Barry Heneghan. [34337/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

74. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — Thomas Gould. [31071/26]

75. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet. — David Cullinane. [31987/26]

76. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Mary Lou McDonald. [32083/26]

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Jen Cummins. [32604/26]

78. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Conor Sheehan. [32862/26]

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Cian O'Callaghan. [32866/26]

80. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next. — Barry Heneghan. [34338/26]

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

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

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

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

85. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department. — Thomas Gould. [31072/26]

86. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department. — Jen Cummins. [32605/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

94. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Louis O'Hara. [32048/26]

95. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Conor Sheehan. [32863/26]

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

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

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

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

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

101. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Louis O'Hara. [32049/26]

102. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [32070/26]

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

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

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

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

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

108. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the informal meeting of EU member state leaders in Cyprus on 23 April 2026. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31137/26]

109. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the informal meeting of EU member state leaders in Cyprus on 23 April 2026. — Paul Murphy. [31144/26]

110. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the most recent EU Leaders' meeting or council. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [34545/26]

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

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

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

114. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the revised National Digital and AI Strategy. — James Geoghegan. [34350/26]

115. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the revised National Digital and AI Strategy. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [34546/26]

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

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

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

119. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [32071/26]

120. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [34547/26]

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

122. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent UK-Ireland Summit. — Shane Moynihan. [21383/26]

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

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

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

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

127. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Louis O’Hara. [32050/26]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

141. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Taskforce report. — James Geoghegan. [34351/26]

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

143. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagement with trade union and employer representatives at the Labour Employer Economic Forum. — James O’Connor. [32132/26]

144. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagement with Trade Union and employer representatives at the Labour Employer Economic Forum. — Albert Dolan. [32618/26]

145. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the German Chancellor Friedrich Merz. — Liam Quaide. [31758/26]

146. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone call with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. — Liam Quaide. [31759/26]

147. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Aisling Dempsey. [32133/26]

148. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Ryan O’Meara. [32143/26]

149. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Children and Education will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [32151/26]

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

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

150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider additional financial supports for students on a temporary basis due to increasing travel costs that students are currently facing as we approach exam time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34974/26]

151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he and his Department have considered not proceeding with the planned reduction in student contribution fees for the 2026/2027 academic year, in light of the recent Government decision requiring departments to absorb expenditure overruns within existing budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34357/26]

152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the framework or protection he will put in place to ensure that any service charge will be included in the rent charge for students in student accommodation, given that otherwise the service charge can soar up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34975/26]

153. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science given the Programme for Government commits to phasing out the student contribution fee over the lifetime of this Dáil, and Budget 2026 delivered a permanent €500 reduction but due to it replacing the previous temporary €1,000 cut, students are actually paying €500 more this year than last year, if he will set out a clear, costed timeline for meeting the Programme for Government commitment to progressively reduce and ultimately abolish the student contribution fee; and to confirm that no future Budget will again leave students worse off than the year before. — Ken O'Flynn. [34715/26]

154. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the progress in providing third level courses through the medium of Irish across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34976/26]

155. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views regarding the holiday earnings disregard for students applying for SUSI grants; his views that it is unfair that only income from work during holidays is considered, and students who have a small weekend job lose out on the SUSI grant as that puts them over the threshold for a grant; and if he will review this matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35185/26]

### CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

156. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way his Department is aligning higher education courses with current and projected skills

shortages in Ireland; if he will provide details of any new initiatives in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [34803/26]

157. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with University College Cork and Munster Technological University Cork in relation to the housing crisis and the impact on student accommodation in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34346/26]

158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has carried out any analysis of university courses in which maximum leaving certificate points did not guarantee admission due to demand; if he will list the courses where this applied alongside the number of places available through the CAO for these courses; the number of places available for International students in those courses, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34562/26]

159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline his priorities in relation to Erasmus+ in the current negotiations for the EU's multi-annual financial framework 2028 – 2034. — Cathal Crowe. [34852/26]

160. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the veterinary course at Kildalton college will have its first intake of students in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [34804/26]

161. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions being taken to improve access to higher education in regional areas, particularly in the Midlands; and if additional funding is being allocated to institutions serving these regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [34802/26]

162. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is satisfied that there are sufficient higher education places in STEM disciplines in Cork to meet projected regional demand over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34332/26]

163. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place to address the accommodation difficulties at ATU Sligo; to provide an update on the purchase of a 16-acre site near the ATU Sligo campus that was earmarked for student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Scanlon. [34365/26]

164. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way the newly launched AIReady.ie platform will specifically support workers who are at immediate risk of job losses due to AI; the plans that are being considered in expanding the platform’s content beyond introductory AI literacy to keeping pace with AI advancements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34869/26]

165. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether reporting (details supplied) that a budget overrun in another Department will have to be recouped through an increase in student fees is accurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34607/26]

166. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the merits of creating a student finance model that would provide interest free loans

to students that do not qualify for SUSI grants, to support the associated costs of attending third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34393/26]

167. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to report on his engagement with HEIs in relation to the Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34398/26]

168. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to give favourable consideration to index linking SUSI maintenance grants in line with rising accommodation costs and the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34844/26]

169. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the application of SUSI's "equivalent or lower qualification" rule in cases where a Level 9 psychology conversion programme serves as an alternative to an undergraduate psychology degree, resulting in students being ineligible for support for the next required stage of training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [34846/26]

170. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to outline future plans for aiready.ie and for upskilling programmes in artificial intelligence. — Malcolm Byrne. [34391/26]

171. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the work his Department is doing to encourage careers in the ORE sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34808/26]

172. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the cost of third level fees in each of the years 2024, 2025, 2026; if he intends to reduce fees; and the timeframe in which such will be delivered. — Cathy Bennett. [34826/26]

173. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to expand the eligibility of the student accommodation assistance scheme to include renter students who fall outside SUSI eligibility and experience financial hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34845/26]

174. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if will review and engage with stakeholders in relation to apprentice wages given the current cost of living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34345/26]

175. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current number of registered apprentices by apprenticeship programme in north Dublin; the measures being taken by his Department, SOLAS and the education and training boards to expand apprenticeship opportunities and employer participation in north Dublin; the number of apprenticeship places expected to become available in the region over the next three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34812/26]

176. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is planning to abolish college fees this year in light of the worsening affordability crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34807/26]

177. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the proposed €500 cut to student fees will take place in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34606/26]

178. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is giving consideration to a reduction in fees or support grant to assist apprentices who pay a pro-rata registration fee (student contribution), if their off-the-job training takes place within an institute of technology or technological university. — Eoghan Kenny. [34349/26]

179. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the improvements he has made to student financial supports and SUSI for eligible students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [34708/26]

180. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way the new Offshore Renewable Energy Career Chart will support delivery of the skills pipeline identified in the Offshore Wind Skills Action Plan 2024, particularly in meeting Ireland’s offshore wind targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [34847/26]

181. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to enhance the supports that are provided to learners with special educational needs, specifically within Youthreach services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [29159/26]

182. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the progress made under the National Student Accommodation Strategy. — Cathal Crowe. [34853/26]

183. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of third-level applications received by the Central Applications Office, and the non-completion rate for the full duration of a course by applicants in each of the years from 2021 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [34608/26]

184. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is concerned about the impact of AI tools on third level exam integrity; the measures that are being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [34340/26]

185. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the delays with having qualifications recognised and validated by the relevant authority for the purpose of taking up employment in the State that are currently being experienced by individuals who hold third-level degrees from the North of Ireland; the steps his Department is taking to address any such delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34801/26]

186. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the role his Department is playing in ensuring we meet the objective of 20% of recruits to the public sector being competent in Irish by 2030, as set out in the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021. — John Connolly. [34709/26]

187. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the creation of a loan scheme for healthcare students that would see their debts written off if they choose to stay working in Ireland after graduation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [34601/26]

188. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is considering initiatives to support and encourage hybrid teaching models in tertiary education to better equip students with the increasing prevalence of remote work in the workplace. — Maeve O'Connell. [34832/26]

189. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has plans to reduce third level contribution fees over the course of this Government; to outline his plans for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [34855/26]

190. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the initiatives being taken to incentivise Irish graduates to remain or return to Ireland, particularly in the medical and engineering professions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [34856/26]

191. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with further and higher education institutions on the impact of AI on further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34348/26]

192. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the current status of the proposed Swords College of the Future; the progress that has been made since the project received Government approval to proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34691/26]

193. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to align higher education course provision in Cork with the needs of the IDA and Enterprise Ireland-backed employers located in the Cork region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34331/26]

194. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of consultation that took place with student unions before the announcement of the Student Accommodation Strategy; if any of their specific requests were included in the Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34730/26]

195. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will reduce college fees for the next academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [34711/26]

196. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the progress in developing the new further education and training campus in Kilkenny; the expected completion date of the new campus; when the first intake of students will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [34805/26]

197. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he acknowledges the economic difficulties facing-third level students and their families; and the actions he will take to lessen the burden on them in the coming academic year. — Conor D. McGuinness. [34733/26]

198. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update as of May 2026 on the National Student Accommodation Strategy 2026-2035; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34347/26]

199. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he will take to combat sexual harassment and abuse in third level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34806/26]

200. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to clarify if reductions made in student fees in previous budgets will remain in place for the next academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34729/26]

201. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has engaged with the NTA to ensure that there is sufficient bus and train routes, and capacity for students who commute to college particularly at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [34850/26]

202. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the work of his Department in making graduate entry medicine courses more accessible; and if his Department is considering any new initiatives, schemes or bursaries to this end. — Maeve O'Connell. [34831/26]

203. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his proposals to ensure adequate provision of accommodation for students. — Cathy Bennett. [34825/26]

204. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide details of the primary school teaching course now offered by the National Tertiary Office to include the number of places that will be available this year; the selection process for prospective students; the cost to students of the course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairi Ó Murchú. [34600/26]

205. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will cut college fees for third level students before September 2026. — Conor D. McGuinness. [34732/26]

206. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the proposed major building project at Cavan Institute will proceed to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34848/26]

207. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to update the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [34829/26]

208. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress made to date by the Government in reducing the student contribution fee; to confirm that it remains Government policy to continue reducing the fee over the lifetime of the current Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34690/26]

209. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are any planned large-scale investments in higher education infrastructure at Maynooth University; the predicted benefits of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [34851/26]

210. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline proposals to introduce a loan scheme for those undertaking graduate entry medicine courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34809/26]

211. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the merits of requiring all third level institutions to install solar panel installations to support the operation of the institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34392/26]

212. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on plans to deliver new, permanent accommodation for Dunboyne College of Further Education, Dunboyne, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [34339/26]

213. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has had engagement in relation to policies in HEIs that allow for students who have suffered sexual violence or harassment to be supported in the continuation of their studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34399/26]

214. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the targeted reskilling or upskilling programmes that are currently being developed or expanded for workers in sectors most exposed to AI-driven automation; the way in which affected workers are being identified and supported to access these programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34868/26]

215. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the projects in the Further and Higher Education Sector that will progress under his Department's Capital Programme in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34849/26]

216. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on student accommodation in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [34710/26]

217. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to improve pay and working conditions for apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [34854/26]

218. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science given his comments (details supplied), the steps he is taking to ensure enforcement of regulations in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34561/26]

219. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on his plans for a new funding scheme for students on graduate entry medicine programmes. — Malcolm Byrne. [34390/26]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*220. To ask the Taoiseach the estimated number of people who are working from home in the State. — Paul Lawless. [35331/26]

\*221. To ask the Taoiseach 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. [33729/26]

\*222. To ask the Taoiseach the number of civil and public servants employed by his Department in each of the past ten years, in tabular form. — Micheál Carrigy. [33959/26]

\*223. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme. — Barry Ward. [34431/26]

\*224. To ask the Taoiseach the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35089/26]

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

\*225. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33965/26]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to review application (details supplied); to investigate same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34022/26]

\*227. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34051/26]

\*228. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34078/26]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department records or monitors repeat requests for documentation from passport applicants; if so, to provide any available data on the frequency and reasons for such requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34199/26]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a detailed update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34245/26]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to urgently intervene in a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34261/26]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she is aware of a case (details supplied); if she will advocate for the persons release; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [34381/26]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any mechanism in place within her Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; her views on the merits of such a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34423/26]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures being taken to assist Irish Citizens (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34659/26]

\*235. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34721/26]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which the UN and member states ensure ethical sourcing and improved working conditions regarding cobalt mining in the DRC. — John Lahart. [34788/26]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the procedures in place within the passport service regarding verification of entries into the log book in a Garda Station; the reason follow up calls cannot be made to clarify (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34789/26]

\*238. 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 Kildare in each of the

past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35011/26]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to her Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within her Department; and if she will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35081/26]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Ireland's plans to enhance EU-Singapore partnership and relations during Ireland's upcoming presidency of the EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [35211/26]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her Department's position on the alleged undemocratic elections held in Myanmar in December 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [35298/26]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to review an application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35324/26]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on whether Ireland is doing enough to contribute to global peace and security through the UN; and the reasons for same. — John Lahart. [35341/26]

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

\*244. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if private schools can avail of SEAI grants for energy upgrades. — Jen Cummins. [35165/26]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason his Department belatedly published an appropriate assessment screening report required under the EU Habitats Directive for Conservation of Salmon and Sea trout (Bag Limits) Bye-Law (No. 1023) 2026, when the bye-law itself was surreptitiously published without the screening on 7 April 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34027/26]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason the Owenriff (Barna) River system No. 140, was not legislated for (details supplied) by either the conservation of salmon and sea trout (bag Limits) bye-law (No. 1023) 2026 or the angling bye-law (No.1022) 2026, considering that salmon were harvested by rod and line angling from the river in 2024 according to a report published by Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34028/26]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason his Departmental officials have failed to publish submissions to the public consultation on the Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations and Conservation Measures 2026, which closed on 5 March 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34029/26]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason his Departmental officials delayed announcing the signing of the Conservation of Salmon and Sea

trout (Bag Limits) Bye-Law (No. 1023) 2026 on 2 April until 9 April 2026, when a departmental press release was published; was this delay a deliberate attempt to entrap salmon anglers who were still observing the 2025 season regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34030/26]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the review of Conservation of and Prohibition on Sale of Coarse Fish Bye-Law (No. 806) 2006 and the Conservation of Pike Bye-Law (No. 809) 2006 taking cognisance of Regulation 46 of S.I. No. 477/2011 (European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations), considering that both bye-laws were not screened for under the EU Habitats Directive when drafted in 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34031/26]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Departmental officials issued any Section 14 Authorisations under the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959 for Catchment-Wide Electrofishing (CWEF) surveys in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34034/26]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of meetings of the Angling Consultative Council of Ireland (ACCI)/Angling Advisory Group (AAG) that have taken place this calendar year; the number in total envisaged for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34035/26]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason the SEAI solar PV for medically vulnerable households scheme for Electric Ireland customers is being advertised as a support available to customers who meet the outlined criteria, when in fact, those who meet the criteria are not guaranteed access to the scheme, which is instead a lottery; the rationale for the scheme being run like this; if he will seek that all those eligible can access the scheme by removing the lottery system; if not, that the advertisements be made clearer to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34048/26]

\*253. 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 their aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34052/26]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being taken by his Department to encourage the use of plug-in solar nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [34075/26]

\*255. 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 their aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34080/26]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to my oral parliamentary question of 16 April 2026 where I did not receive a definitive answer, the completion date for the Celtic Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [34169/26]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is satisfied with EirGrid's accountability to the Oireachtas, to outline the way in which that operates; if he plans any measures to increase the level of accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [34170/26]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views in relation to a floating gas terminal on the Shannon Estuary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34181/26]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34184/26]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when submissions received as part of the Department's September to October 2024 consultation on the optional provisions under Directive (EU) 2024/1711, including those relating to plug in mini solar systems, are expected to be published; whether it is intended that such submissions will be published in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34278/26]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has undertaken any assessment of the potential impact of plug in mini solar systems on electricity bills, emissions reductions and grid demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34279/26]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has examined the rollout of balcony or plug in solar systems in other EU member states, including Germany; any findings or conclusions arising from such examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34280/26]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34417/26]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the request submitted by EirGrid for Ministerial consent to a pension increase under the EirGrid pension scheme; if he will confirm whether the proposal extends to pensioners and deferred members of the scheme; the date on which the request was received by his Department; whether NewERA has completed its report on the proposal in accordance with Circular 16/2021; the current status of the consent process; the expected timeframe for a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34548/26]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the approval process for the proposed pension increase for pensioners and deferred members of the EirGrid pension scheme; the current status of that request; the factors influencing the timeline for approval; the expected timeframe for a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34549/26]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the development of the Marine Protected Areas Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34566/26]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the current status of the National Heat Policy Statement, including the expected timeline for its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34635/26]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the development and expected publication timeline of the Roadmap to Phase Out Fossil Fuel Heating Systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34637/26]

\*269. 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 their aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34723/26]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in which instances are window replacements included in the warmer homes scheme; if a defective double glazed window can ever be included in this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34800/26]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of homes to date that have been retrofitted using funding derived from carbon tax receipts; the total amount of such funding allocated for this purpose; the average grant awarded per dwelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [34836/26]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he expects to publish the responses received as part of the Department's September to October 2024 consultation on plug in mini solar systems; whether his Department intends to publish a roadmap or framework for the potential introduction of plug in mini solar systems in Ireland; the engagement that has taken place with ESB Networks, Safe Electric, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and relevant authorities in other European jurisdictions regarding possible regulatory and safety arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34863/26]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has undertaken any assessment of the potential benefits of plug-in mini solar systems for households that may not be able to access traditional rooftop solar installations, including apartment residents, renters and persons living in social and affordable housing; whether consideration is being given to any pilot scheme involving local authorities or approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34864/26]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has examined the regulatory approaches taken in Germany and the United Kingdom in relation to plug-in mini solar systems; whether consideration is being given to the development of an Irish safety and certification framework, including approved equipment standards, installation guidance, consumer protection measures and limits on system size; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34865/26]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will detail the scientific advice and evidence underpinning the decision to reduce the allowable catch under the recreational pollock fishing scheme through the introduction of a three fish daily bag limit; whether this decision is subject to review in light of concerns raised regarding barotrauma and the effectiveness of the measure as a conservation tool; whether recreational and charter

fishing vessels have been considered or could be considered for inclusion in any national or EU decommissioning schemes; the financial, mitigation or transitional supports, if any, that are available or proposed for the recreational fishing and charter boat sector, which operators state has received no dedicated assistance to date (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [34932/26]

\*276. 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 their aegis, which have been completed on time and within budget in Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35013/26]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35075/26]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment what assessment has been made of the implications of the EU Commission ruling regarding the incentivisation of domestic biomethane production within the renewable heat obligation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35267/26]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps the Government intends to take to revise the renewable heat obligation scheme in light of the EU Commission's finding that current plans are contrary to EU competition law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35272/26]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider the proposal for a parallel renewable liquid fuels obligation scheme, similar to the renewable transport fuel obligation, to accelerate decarbonisation in the home heating sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35273/26]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the Government's position on increasing the obligation levels for liquid fuels within the renewable heat obligation scheme, particularly given the industry's stated capacity to deliver a 20% blend immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35274/26]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding options and support mechanisms that are currently available or are being developed to assist local authorities and dairy farmers in establishing anaerobic digestion facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35284/26]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the assessment that has been made of the potential for anaerobic digestion to enhance Ireland's prospects in terms of its emission targets for 2030 and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35285/26]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if consideration will be given to designating specific regions such as Offaly as pilot areas for the demonstration

of anaerobic digestion possibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35286/26]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the specific strategies that are being considered to facilitate and promote anaerobic digestion production within rural counties such as Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35287/26]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the levels of fines or other compliance measures he is considering for the failure of data centres to comply with articles 11 and 12 of the Energy Efficiency Directive. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35308/26]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the timeline to enact the Electricity (Supply) (Amendment) Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35320/26]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the National Energy Affordability Taskforce will report. — Ivana Bacik. [35338/26]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the EU Renewable Energy Financing Mechanism. — Ivana Bacik. [35339/26]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the Climate Action Plan will be published. — Ivana Bacik. [35800/26]

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

\*291. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34079/26]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Defence the expected date on which the Strategic Workforce Plan for the Defence Forces will be submitted for her consideration; whether it is intended to publish the plan in full or in part; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34126/26]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the forthcoming Strategic Workforce Plan will include defined workforce targets, timelines, and key performance indicators for each service branch, including the Air Corps; and if she will outline the nature of those targets and oversight mechanisms. — Ken O'Flynn. [34127/26]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Defence the approved establishment strength and current overall personnel strength of the Air Corps for each year from 2023 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34128/26]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of authorised pilot posts within the Air Corps and the number currently filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34129/26]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of personnel currently in the Air Corps pilot training pipeline; the annual intake capacity; and the projected annual output over the next three years. — Ken O’Flynn. [34130/26]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Defence whether any formal risk assessment has been conducted by her Department or the Defence Forces regarding current staffing levels in the Air Corps; and if so, to outline the findings at a policy level. — Ken O’Flynn. [34131/26]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Defence the interim measures in place to maintain operational capability in the Air Corps pending completion of the Strategic Workforce Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34132/26]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Defence to give a detailed up to date report in regard to the triple lock and Irish neutrality (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34193/26]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any mechanism in place within her Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; her views on the merits of such a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34419/26]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the rollout of the emergency preparedness booklet being sent out to all households; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34563/26]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Defence the nature of refurbishment works that were carried out at Defence Forces Equitation School in the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and to list the works that are scheduled to commence at the Equitation School during the second half of this year. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34584/26]

\*303. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34722/26]

\*304. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35012/26]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Defence her views on the refusal of a SUSI grant for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [35039/26]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Defence the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to her Department’s Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within her Department; and if she will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35077/26]

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

\*307. To ask the Minister for Transport to address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); his plans to tackle rising energy costs in a substantial way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34289/26]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the absence of a cost-of-living increase for Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) pensioners; the reason such an increase has not been provided; if any proposals to address this issue are under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [35166/26]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the disparity in pension entitlements between CIÉ office/administrative grades and workers/craft grades; the measures in place to ensure equity between these cohorts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [35340/26]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Transport the current up-to-date position regarding the Clongriffin to city centre core bus corridor scheme; and when will this project progress to the next stage of works. — Tom Brabazon. [33979/26]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase capacity on routes through the Clonburris and Adamstown area for both bus and train routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [33996/26]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Transport whether a commitment can be given to ensure that a timeline be provided for increased capacity on routes through Clonburris and Adamstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [33997/26]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the current capacity issues surrounding the train lines and bus routes through Clonburris and Adamstown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [33998/26]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Transport if there have been discussions between his Department and Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to the capacity issues on public transport in Clonburris and Adamstown; the progress made towards providing a solution for the residents in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [33999/26]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a fuel package; if he is considering the inclusion of the taxi and hackney sector on the fuel package given the essential service they provide and the difficulties being encountered with increased fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [34001/26]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No.199 of 16 April 2026, regarding Ireland's current position (details supplied); whether he has articulated this position either internally with Irish officials or with European counterparts; if so, if he will provide details of what was articulated and through which medium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34010/26]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of public money that has been spent to date on the Cork to Kinsale Greenway, including consultancy, planning, legal and administrative costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34037/26]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34038/26]

\*319. 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 their aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), which have been completed on time and within budget in Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34081/26]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any policy, directive or contractual provision exists within Córas Iompair Éireann or its subsidiary companies which prohibits or restricts the re-employment of individuals who previously accepted voluntary severance arrangements; and if he will set out the legal and policy basis for any such restriction. — Ken O'Flynn. [34148/26]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any restriction on re-employment following voluntary severance within the Córas Iompair Éireann group applies on a group-wide basis or is determined at the level of individual operating companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34149/26]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications received since 2019 from former employees of Córas Iompair Éireann and its subsidiary companies who had previously accepted voluntary severance; the number of such applications approved and refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34150/26]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any exceptions, waivers or appeals mechanisms exist to allow former employees who accepted voluntary severance to be considered for re-employment within the Córas Iompair Éireann group; and if he will provide details. — Ken O'Flynn. [34151/26]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Transport whether, in light of ongoing recruitment and retention challenges across Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus and Iarnród Éireann, consideration has been given to permitting applications from suitably qualified former employees who previously exited under voluntary severance schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34152/26]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has reviewed or assessed the proportionality and impact of any restrictions on re-employment following voluntary severance within the Córas Iompair Éireann group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34153/26]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to formulate a policy on the use of drones for delivery purposes. — Séamus McGrath. [34183/26]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the preliminary business case for the Mallow relief road remains on schedule for submission in Q2 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34186/26]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects the Mallow relief road project to be submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála; and what the projected timeline is from planning consent to construction commencement. — Ken O'Flynn. [34187/26]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Transport what funding has been allocated to the Mallow relief road project beyond the current €600,000; and what future funding commitments are planned to ensure the project advances without delay. — Ken O’Flynn. [34188/26]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has considered interim active travel or traffic management measures to alleviate congestion in Mallow town pending delivery of the relief road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34189/26]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Transport which agency, Transport Infrastructure Ireland or the National Transport Authority, has primary responsibility for delivery of the Mallow relief road; and the reporting mechanisms in place to monitor progress. — Ken O’Flynn. [34190/26]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine his views on passenger caps (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34235/26]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide funding to a voluntary organisation in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34236/26]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Transport to review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34243/26]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Transport to roll out a major programme of ‘new bus stops’ across county Kerry at locations that have been highlighted by County Councillors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34251/26]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be made available to Kerry Local Link to provide additional new routes across the county in 2026, given to date this year, no additional funding has been forthcoming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34253/26]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the ongoing inadequacy of the 120 bus service for residents of Derrinturn and Edenderry, County Kildare; the excessive journey times to Dublin; the accessibility and safety difficulties experienced by vulnerable passengers, including wheelchair users; whether he will engage with the NTA and Bus Éireann to examine increased frequency of the 120 service, regular routing via Derrinturn, and the provision of a local Edenderry–Derrinturn–Enfield service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [34271/26]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status and expected timeline for the rollout of contactless tap and go payment across public transport services, including Dublin Bus, Go Ahead, Luas and Irish Rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34281/26]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Transport the key factors affecting the implementation of integrated contactless payment across the public transport system; the total expenditure to date on upgrades to the Leap card and ticketing infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34282/26]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department or the National Transport Authority has undertaken any comparative assessment of contactless public transport payment

systems in operation in other cities, including London and other European cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34283/26]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Transport if bin and waste collection companies will be eligible to apply for the road transporters support scheme; if they are eligible, would a communication to their customer base informing them that they are increasing service subscription costs due to rising fuel costs disqualify them from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34284/26]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider providing night services on a bus route as an area awaits the rollout of BusConnects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34304/26]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the efforts to get buses into service (details supplied); whether any of these buses are due to serve routes in Dublin 15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34305/26]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Transport given the number of fatalities along the Irish coastline in recent years, whether consideration has been given to the use of drone technology to deploy lifesaving equipment, such as lifebuoys or flotation devices, to persons in distress at sea; whether drones could be strategically based at Garda stations and operated remotely from a central hub to support emergency response times; if any feasibility studies, pilot projects or inter-agency discussions (including with An Garda Síochána, the RNLI, the Coast Guard or local authorities) have taken place in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [34312/26]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 335 of 28 April 2026, whether the Government has conducted any assessment of deploying 500 or more fixed speed cameras to match the enforcement density of Finland (1,164 cameras) or Sweden (2,487 cameras); if not, the reasons for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34322/26]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the timeline associated with the pre-feasibility study for the Luas Poolbeg; if he will report on his engagement with the National Transport Authority in respect of same; the works underway in his Department to ensure funding and capacity for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [34323/26]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Transport the maximum capacity of a rail service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34328/26]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Transport the number train carriages operating on the Maynooth train line, per day, in each of the years 2019 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34329/26]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of wheelchair spaces available on each Irish Rail service from Kildare train stations to Dublin Heuston station and total of non-wheelchair spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [34400/26]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Transport the average number of wheelchair spaces available on all Irish Rail services compared to non-wheelchair spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [34401/26]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the funding for and progress of the Dart+SW; and the timeframe for when work on this much needed public transport project will commence. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34414/26]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34432/26]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time to receive an NCT date in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34452/26]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time to receive a driving test in County Meath for the years 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34453/26]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of additional buses that have been added to the fleet to serve commuters in County Meath in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34454/26]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the status of the Navan rail line project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34455/26]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to improve reliability and frequency of the NX (Navan to Dublin) bus service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34456/26]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to improve bus connectivity between Meath and Dublin City Centre during peak hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34457/26]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that has been allocated for maintenance and improvement of regional and local roads in county Meath in the current budget year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34458/26]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing additional park and ride facilities in Meath to ease congestion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34459/26]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to expand and improve rural bus services under the Transport for Ireland Network in villages such as Ballivor, Longwood and Kildalkey, in county Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34460/26]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Transport the current vehicles that are eligible for the disability toll exemption scheme; if his Department is giving any consideration to adding private vehicles

where the passenger has a physical or mental disability to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [34479/26]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if he will indicate whether a driving test appointment can be expedited given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34480/26]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will examine the use of private wires, modular substations and depot based DC microgrids to accelerate the delivery of charging infrastructure for electric bus fleets; whether such systems could support depots in securing dedicated renewable electricity supply while wider grid reinforcement is being progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34487/26]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration is being given to permitting bus depots, Luas depots and other public transport facilities to utilise private wire connections to nearby renewable generation and storage infrastructure in order to provide dedicated charging capacity, reduce pressure on constrained local grids and improve energy resilience for public transport infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34491/26]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has engaged with the National Transport Authority, ESB Networks and the Commission for Regulation of Utilities on the potential use of modular substations, battery storage and depot based DC microgrids to prevent delays to the rollout of electric bus infrastructure and reduce the risk of publicly funded electric buses remaining out of service due to charging and grid connection delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34492/26]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NTA will install Leap Card vending machines in both terminals of Dublin Airport and in Dublin Port. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34581/26]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Transport for a detailed update on the progression and implementation of the 12 primary actions and 77 support actions of the Phase 2 Action Plan of the Road Safety Strategy; to highlight engagements with local authorities on the ongoing speed limits review and implementation of 2023 speed limit review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34587/26]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementing timeline of actions arising from the National Safety Camera Strategy; whether he will increase the number of static speed camera enforcement areas and red light camera locations nationwide; if there are plans in place or being considered to achieve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34589/26]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the membership and ongoing work of the Camera Enforcement Oversight Group and the Road Safety Leadership Group; how frequently they have met since commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34591/26]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Transport the local authorities that have drawn down any of the €20 million made available for the procurement and installation of road safety signage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34592/26]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific actions that are being taken by his Department, and under what timeline, to revitalise and reinforce the Road Safety Authority; particularly in their role to strengthen road safety enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34595/26]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is aware of the frequency and duration of recent DART service curtailments for maintenance works, particularly on the northside of Dublin; the rationale for scheduling such works during peak periods including bank holiday weekends and major events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34623/26]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has engaged with the National Transport Authority and Iarnród Éireann regarding the planning of alternative transport arrangements during DART service disruptions; the requirements that are in place to ensure adequate replacement bus capacity and frequency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34624/26]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Transport the advance planning and coordination mechanisms that exist between the National Transport Authority, transport operators and relevant stakeholders to mitigate the impact of planned rail maintenance works on commuters; whether the adequacy of alternative transport provision is assessed in advance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34625/26]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any assessment has been carried out on the wider economic and social impact of repeated DART service disruptions, including the effect on commuter behaviour, city centre footfall and local businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34626/26]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide further testing staff to the drivers licence test centre in Killarney given the wait time is over four months currently (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34632/26]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed waiting time for driver licence tests in Kerry, by area, as in Killarney, Tralee, Castleisland and so on, for each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34633/26]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that Fingal County Council installs safe paths and cycle lanes in Chapel Road, Kinsealy, County Dublin to ensure residents have safe access to schools, train stations and bus stops. — Ann Graves. [34668/26]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Transport to ensure that Fingal County Council installs safe paths and cycle lanes in Chapel Road, Kinsealy, County Dublin to ensure residents have safe access to schools, train stations and bus stops (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ann Graves. [34700/26]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify a matter relating to BusConnects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34706/26]

\*382. 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 their aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus

Éireann), which have been completed on time and within budget in Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34724/26]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Transport to contact the NTA to seek an update on a broken real time monitor on Kildare Street (Stop 747) which has been broken for over two months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34756/26]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Transport is he aware that real time bus monitors around the country, which are currently connected to local authority public lighting networks, are now having to be disconnected from local authority public lighting networks and left non-functioning until the National Transport Authority have been able to secure a new connection from ESB Networks; the legislative basis for having to disconnect these monitors from the local authority public lighting network; the number of real time monitors that will have to be disconnected and then re-connected; the reconnection fee each time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34757/26]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the local link to include Churchill, County Kerry on route 278; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34787/26]

\*386. 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 their aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), which have been completed on time and within budget in Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34810/26]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of safety concerns raised by rail passengers regarding the short notice given for train departures from distant platforms, including platforms seven and eight, where passengers are often given as little as ten minutes to board for the Dublin to Westport train; the extent to which this results in passengers running through stations, creating safety risks, particularly for older people and those with mobility difficulties; whether Irish Rail has been instructed to review boarding times and platform allocation practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [34794/26]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that passenger information systems in rail stations provide sufficient advance notice and visibility for all users, particularly older passengers; whether consideration will be given to increasing the length of time departure notices remain on display screens and improving the clarity of announcements; what the current time length is on the notice boards pre departure for the trains from Westport to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [34795/26]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that there is no access to food or drinking water on certain train platforms and services; whether Irish Rail has plans to provide vending machines or drinking water taps on the trains from Westport to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [34796/26]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Transport if a date has been set for when the increase in payment for those in receipt of the pre-1951 CIÉ employees' pension scheme will be paid; if this increase will be backdated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [34838/26]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the exclusion of feed mill operators and other own account transport operators within the agricultural supply chain from the road transport support scheme; if he will consider extending eligibility to businesses that operate HGV fleets for the delivery of essential agricultural inputs but do not operate “for hire or reward”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34910/26]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will undertake an urgent review of the eligibility criteria for the road transport support scheme to ensure that businesses providing essential services to the agricultural sector, such as feed mills, fertiliser suppliers and agricultural merchants, are not unintentionally excluded from fuel support measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34911/26]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider amending the road transport support scheme to include own account operators who incur the same fuel costs as licensed hauliers and who provide essential services to primary producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34912/26]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Transport the current estimated cost of the Tivoli bus depot; the length of time it will be used for; and the timeline for opening it. — Thomas Gould. [34920/26]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of second hand buses transferred to Cork in 2026 and 2025 respectively. — Thomas Gould. [34921/26]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Tivoli depot has been delayed. — Thomas Gould. [34922/26]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Transport when Cork will have electric bus charging infrastructure. — Thomas Gould. [34923/26]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Car Testing Service operates under any pass or fail rate targets or key performance indicators linked to test outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35000/26]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown of NCT pass and fail rates on a monthly basis for each of the last three years, disaggregated by test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35001/26]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown of NCT pass and fail rates by day of the month for each of the last three years, disaggregated by test centre, in order to establish whether fail rates are higher at particular points in the monthly cycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35002/26]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or the Road Safety Authority has analysed whether NCT fail rates vary by time of month or time of year in a statistically significant way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35003/26]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Transport if the contract between the State and (details supplied) the company operating the National Car Testing Service, contains any provisions governing technician pay structures, bonus schemes, or performance-related pay linked to test outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35004/26]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is any independent oversight mechanism in place to ensure that the company operating the NCT system are not incentivised to fail vehicles in order to generate retest revenue for the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35005/26]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined the financial burden placed on motorists, particularly lower-income households and owners of older vehicles, arising from NCT retest fees and associated repair costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35006/26]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Transport when the current NCT operating contract with a company (details supplied) was last reviewed; the oversight arrangements in place to ensure compliance with that contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35007/26]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority conducts any audits of NCT test centres to ensure consistency and impartiality in test outcomes across centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35008/26]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated date upon which the reopening of the western rail corridor between Athenry and Claremorris will be completed. — Peadar Tóibín. [35028/26]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of rail tickets purchased in County Mayo in each of the past ten years, and the total amount spent by customers on the purchasing of train tickets in County Mayo in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [35029/26]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of road fatalities which occurred in County Mayo in each of the last ten years broken down by the nature of the collisions/accidents, such as cyclists, pedestrians, commuters, and so on. — Peadar Tóibín. [35030/26]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of people killed on Irish roads in each of the past ten years; and if he will detail the number of persons who were passengers, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. — Peadar Tóibín. [35031/26]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of drivers or passengers killed on Irish roads in the past decade; and the number of which who were not wearing their seatbelts. — Peadar Tóibín. [35032/26]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed progress report on the 2025 pension increases for CIÉ pensioners, (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35035/26]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions his Department is undertaking to address anti-social behaviour on public transport especially on intercity train services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35047/26]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the establishment of a transport police service; whether this service would be deployed on intercity rail services; the powers this service would have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35048/26]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the poor staffing levels of small train stations in County Galway; the impacts this poor staffing level is having on the working conditions of those working within the rail system (details supplied); if his Department has any plans to address these staffing issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35049/26]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Statutory Instrument required to implement the agreed 2025 pension increases for CIÉ pensioners will be published in *Iris Oifigiúil*; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [35055/26]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Transport the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35090/26]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the banning of the use of scramblers in public places; whether the Gardaí have sufficient powers to enforce this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35135/26]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Transport the key performance indicators in place to monitor the effectiveness of the banning of the use of scramblers in public places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35137/26]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government intends to review the operation of section 74 of the Roads Act 1993 in relation to sulky racing on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35144/26]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department is considering proposals to address a barrier (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35146/26]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); if this matter can be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [35163/26]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Transport when the pacific statutory instrument (SI) to implement the agreed 2025 pension increases for CIÉ pensioners will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [35193/26]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of the Irish- US Drivers Licence Exchange Campaign Report examining the barriers faced by thousands of Irish Emigrants returning home and American citizens working in Ireland as they seek to acquire an Irish Licence, his plans to engage with the three major recommendations contained therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [35203/26]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on the commitments to allow flexible pickups on Local Link and other bus routes in rural communities, as appropriate, enhancing service accessibility, as per the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [35217/26]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress on the commitment to work to integrate Local Link transport routes with health services to improve access for individuals seeking care, as per the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [35218/26]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Transport to respond to correspondence (details supplied) in relation to any measures being taken to provide upgraded and enhanced public transport services in the North Dundalk area, including increased capacity, improved frequency, and accessibility improvements; the locations where such upgrades have been delivered or are planned in 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [35235/26]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason two-car regional units are still being allocated to the Limerick to Galway train route which is one of the busiest evening peak services on the corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35238/26]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans which exist to provide higher-capacity rolling stock on the Limerick–Galway route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35239/26]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason 22000-class intercity units have not been permanently assigned to peak Atlantic Corridor services despite repeated overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35240/26]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Transport the immediate measures that can be taken to address the chronic overcrowding and resultant health and safety issues on the 18:05 service from Limerick to Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [35241/26]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Transport the countries/states that are currently being considered for addition to the list of designated recognised states for the purpose of driving licence exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35258/26]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Transport if the state of New Jersey is currently being considered for addition to the list of designated recognised states for the purpose of driving licence exchange; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35259/26]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of foreign driving licence exchange applications which were made by their country/state of origin, in each of the last five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35260/26]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Transport the average processing time for the exchange of foreign driving licences, broken down by licence category such as those from EU/EEA member states or recognised states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35261/26]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on Connecting Ireland route 826 which will service Mullingar, Kinnegad, Edenderry, Clonbullogue, Bracknagh, Portarlinton, Monasterevin and Kildare village; the expected commencement date of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35288/26]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority has engaged with Iarnród Éireann regarding the alignment of the proposed L36 and L37 BusConnects services with rail timetables at Midleton Station; the analysis that has been carried out in determining the proposed frequency and scheduling of these routes; whether this analysis will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [35306/26]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Transport if a dedicated public consultation process is planned in relation to the operational details of the L36 and L37 services serving Ballycotton, Whitegate and surrounding areas and, if not, the rationale for same; the engagement that has taken place with local communities, businesses and commuters in East Cork regarding the design and rollout of these routes; whether the proposed L37 route replacing the existing 241 service will include a seven-day service including Sundays; the minimum service frequency envisaged; whether the proposed Q1 2027 rollout timeline under the BusConnects Cork programme allows for revisions based on stakeholder and public feedback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [35307/26]

\*439. 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 their aegis (including the NTA, TII, Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann), which have been completed on time and within budget in Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35401/26]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration is being given to enhanced enforcement powers or dedicated operations in identified hotspot areas with regards to illegal sulky racing on public places and roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35911/26]

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

\*441. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason paramedics and EMTs do not receive the same level of flat-rate uniform-related tax relief as other comparable frontline healthcare professionals; if he will commit to addressing this financial anomaly as part of the current industrial negotiations to show respect for the workforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34643/26]

\*442. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether an issue of 'unjust enrichment' occurs where a vulture fund gets more than a reasonable return on its investment in the context of a property repossession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [35292/26]

\*443. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department is monitoring the agreed exit plan for a bank (details supplied); the way in which it is dealing with former customers; if he has received reports from the Financial Services and Pension Ombudsman on complaints received by former customers of the bank; if his Department has had discussions with the ombudsman to ensure that the rights and entitlements of all former customers are fully protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [33991/26]

\*444. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware that the PAYE helpline's opening hours 9:30-13:30 make it difficult for PAYE taxpayers working full-time to access support; if he will consider amending this arrangement to extend these hours (details supplied)

given the importance of making sure such a public service is accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34021/26]

\*445. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the VAT treatment applicable to coach and bus operators based in the State compared with operators based in Northern Ireland providing similar cross-Border and tourism services; whether his Department has assessed the impact of any differences in VAT treatment on operators based in the State; if he will outline any legislative or policy measures under consideration in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34044/26]

\*446. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34049/26]

\*447. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34076/26]

\*448. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he envisages a timeline for the introduction of a scheme to support home-heating modification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34116/26]

\*449. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which his Department intends to decide which renewable fuels will be included in a future scheme to support home-heating modification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34117/26]

\*450. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if HVO is one of the fuels being examined for inclusion in a scheme for home-heating decarbonisation supports; if his Department is examining existing rates of tax on HVO compared to other home heating fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34118/26]

\*451. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has worked with the Department of Climate Energy and Environment to ensure that the roadmap to increasing supplies of HVO is consistent with his call to allow switches to HVO-based home heating; the engagements that have taken place to date; whether engagements are ongoing. — Barry Ward. [34119/26]

\*452. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if a van is liable for VRT if it has removable seats; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34157/26]

\*453. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm that the proposed reduction in company Benefit in Kind on original market value for electric vehicles from €30,000 in 2027 would be paused and the current rate retained, particularly in light of fuel issues arising from the conflict in the Middle East; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34172/26]

\*454. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the action being taken to control the transporting of coal from Northern Ireland to the South, where said coal is being sold for cash without the payment of any tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34174/26]

\*455. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider introducing as a matter of priority an Index Linked Lifetime Tax-Free Threshold available to all Citizens of €600,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34227/26]

\*456. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to urgently review Ireland's ETF Tax system prior to the upcoming budget, (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34228/26]

\*457. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the VAT treatment applicable to coach and bus operators based in the State, including those providing cross-border and tourism services; whether his Department has undertaken any assessment of the impact of current VAT arrangements on the competitiveness of such operators; any engagement he has had with relevant stakeholders on this matter; any legislative or policy changes under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34249/26]

\*458. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a detailed response to correspondence that summarises the seriousness of the cost of living crisis, where a family with two good jobs are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet; the action he is taking to address these issues; the action he is taking to address prices spiralling out of control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34268/26]

\*459. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to clarify the position regarding the application of a reduced VAT rate to beauty and wellbeing services; the consideration has been given to extending VAT supports similar to those applied to hairdressing services; to indicate whether any further review of VAT policy for the beauty and wellbeing sector is currently underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [34330/26]

\*460. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware of calls for an increase to income tax exemption limits for those over 65 years of age; and if his Department is taking steps to address these calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [34362/26]

\*461. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34422/26]

\*462. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the value and percentage share of total corporation tax receipts paid by the top one, top three, top five, top ten and top 20 corporate groups; the sectoral breakdown of those groups, where available, in each of the years from 2021 to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Barry Heneghan. [34489/26]

\*463. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the corporation tax receipts paid by the largest corporate groups to the Exchequer, by ranking band, sector and ownership type where available; if he will provide this information on an anonymised basis where taxpayer

confidentiality prevents the identification of individual companies, in each of the years from 2021 to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Barry Heneghan. [34490/26]

\*464. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34719/26]

\*465. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has considered a tax relief on student fees paid by parents who have no access to SUSI grants to ensure they can access some support for expensive third level fees; if he will examine this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34928/26]

\*466. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35009/26]

\*467. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has carried out analysis on the tax take on HVO fuel as a result of higher prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35056/26]

\*468. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35080/26]

\*469. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline his Departments plans to support tokenisation in the Irish investment industry to ensure Ireland remains an attractive location for international investment funds management; and to outline any necessary legislative changes being considered by his Department. — Emer Currie. [35232/26]

\*470. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an update on his review of the taxation of retail investment with a view to ensuring that existing investors are included in future tax measure. — Emer Currie. [35233/26]

\*471. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated economic value of unclaimed tax credits/rebates in the State. — Paul Lawless. [35334/26]

\*472. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated number of people who did not claim tax credits which they were entitled to in each of the past five years. — Paul Lawless. [35335/26]

\*473. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of people who claimed the working from home tax credit in each of the past five years. — Paul Lawless. [35336/26]

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

\*474. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any public offices or public buildings are planning to relocate ahead of the 2030 target for public buildings to achieve a minimum BER rating of B where the cost of retrofitting the existing buildings is considered to exceed the cost of relocation; and if so, to provide details of each such case. — Peadar Tóibín. [34011/26]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation in respect of any public offices identified as relocating due to the prohibitive cost of retrofitting to meet climate and energy efficiency targets, the name and location of each building; the most recent BER rating available for each building, the estimated cost of retrofitting each building to meet at least a BER B rating, the estimated cost of relocation; and the basis on which relocation was determined to represent better value-for-money than retrofit. — Peadar Tóibín. [34012/26]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for each public building that is planned to be vacated as a result of relocation linked to climate or retrofit considerations, whether the existing building will be demolished, sold, retained, or repurposed for other public or community uses; and to provide any details available on the intended future use. — Peadar Tóibín. [34013/26]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation where public offices are relocating due to difficulties or excessive cost associated with retrofitting existing buildings, to outline the proposed new location of each office; whether the new accommodation is newly constructed, leased, or purchased; the anticipated energy rating of the new accommodation; and the estimated total cost associated with each move, including fit out and transition costs. — Peadar Tóibín. [34014/26]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation in view of the decision by Dublin City Council to relocate from the Civic Offices at Wood Quay (details supplied); to confirm whether similar assessments have been carried out for other major public buildings; the number of public buildings that are currently below the BER B standard; and the measures in place to ensure transparency and consistency in decisions to retrofit versus relocate. — Peadar Tóibín. [34015/26]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether guidelines or thresholds exist within the State's public estate strategy to determine when relocation is preferable to retrofit in achieving 2030 climate targets; and if such guidelines will be published. — Peadar Tóibín. [34016/26]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is aware that under Building Momentum that 3% was set aside for local bargaining; the reason his Department is blocking political staff in the Houses of the Oireachtas from local bargaining despite the 2022 agreement which linked staff to public service pay agreements; the reason his Department is refusing to engage with the Workplace Relations Commission and a union (details supplied) on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [34017/26]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has undertaken a review of public procurement and contract management frameworks in relation to cost overruns and delays on publicly funded projects; whether a contractor performance assessment system exists to support contracting authorities in evaluating delivery performance across projects; whether enhancements to such systems are under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34045/26]

\*482. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34050/26]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he is aware that his Department has excluded political staff in the Houses of the Oireachtas from accessing the 3% local bargaining fund under Building Momentum, despite the 2022 agreement which linked political staff to public service pay agreements; whether he has been made aware that his Department and the Houses of the Oireachtas have been refusing to engage with a union (details supplied) in the WRC on this matter to date; whether he is aware that under the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Act 2003, the Commission must obtain his consent before reaching agreement with any political staff in relation to pay; and therefore if he would consider his Department and the Houses of the Oireachtas as the relevant bodies to engage with the union on any issues in regard to income and benefits of political staff. — Holly Cairns. [34063/26]

\*484. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34077/26]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34246/26]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current framework in place for public procurement and contract management in respect of publicly funded projects; whether any reviews or reforms are underway to address cost overruns and project delays; whether a contractor performance assessment system exists or is under consideration to support contracting authorities in evaluating delivery performance in future tenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34250/26]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No.425 of 4 February 2026, if he will provide a further update on the accessibility of Dublin Castle grounds during the EU presidency; when restrictions will begin and end, specifically if the public will be able to enter grounds of the Castle via Palace Street, and walk to the Dubh Linn Gardens; if the Chester Beatty library will remain accessible from this route or via the entrance on Ship Street; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34291/26]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No.426 of 4 February 2026, if he will provide a further update on the duration of construction works at the ‘Castle steps’ beside Dublin Castle, leading from Ship Street to Castle Street; when they will be complete; if this passage will be open to the public during the EU presidency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34292/26]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 269 and 270 of 30 April 2026, to outline separately the current cost of the Midleton Flood Relief Project in addition to the cost of the East Cork Individual Property Protection Scheme; if it is envisaged that the cost of the Midleton Flood Relief Project is likely to increase before works completion and handover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [34314/26]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34428/26]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer an equivalent role within the European Union on a permanent basis, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34446/26]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding any product or service purchased from Canada by his Department in 2025 broken down by description and amount paid. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34585/26]

\*493. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34720/26]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide an update on his plans for the reform of the FOI system; the progress that has been made on implementing the recommendations from the last FOI review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34890/26]

\*495. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35010/26]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is

being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35086/26]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the levy imposed on departmental expenditure arising from overruns is being applied uniformly across all Government Departments; whether any Departments have been permitted exemptions in respect of salaries, pensions or core staffing expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [35104/26]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has been instructed that expenditure on salaries and pensions must form part of the departmental levy or savings measures arising from expenditure overruns; whether this requirement applies equally across all Departments and Offices; and if details will be provided of any Departments or Votes that have received exemptions or alternative arrangement. — Eoghan Kenny. [35122/26]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Office of Public Works (OPW) has been requested to assess or assist with the repair and stabilisation of the Peace Park in Balla, County Mayo, given its historical, commemorative, and veterans' significance; and the role, if any, the OPW could play in supporting this project. — Paul Lawless. [35304/26]

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

\*500. 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 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. [33964/26]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if there is any progress on the development of a licensing system for saunas at beaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [33988/26]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has examined the CCPC report which highlighted knowledge gaps, financial pressures and delays in conveyancing as ongoing issues for homebuyers and sellers in Ireland; and the actions he proposes to take on foot of this examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [33993/26]

\*503. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34055/26]

\*504. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34084/26]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports currently available to tourism businesses experiencing sharp increases in fuel costs; whether marine tourism operators, including boat tour providers operating in rural and coastal areas, are eligible for assistance under the Government's fuel support schemes; if he has given consideration to the introduction of targeted measures for fuel dependent tourism businesses excluded from existing schemes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [34110/26]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment regarding short-term lets legislation, the impact it will have on the remaining tourist accommodation stock, given that County Kerry is heavily reliant on the tourism sector for the local economy, that tourist accommodation is key to its success, and that according to Failte Ireland, self catering has accounted for 40% of tourist accommodation in Ireland; if he has any concerns that in County Kerry, a substantial number of holiday homes are already used for Government contracts and long-term rental contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34173/26]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the funding options available to celebrate in Portmagee the 100th Anniversary of the Spirit of St. Louis, Charles Lindbergh and the first solo nonstop transatlantic flight (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34240/26]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to urgently review the short term lets legislation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34242/26]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment when he will be introducing 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. [34269/26]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34421/26]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the estimated number of construction, engineering, electrical, maintenance and long term operational jobs supported by large scale renewable energy, grid infrastructure and data centre related investment projects in the State for each year from 2021 to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Barry Heneghan. [34488/26]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a list of capital works projects funded by his Department that also received EU funding in the years of 2025, 2026; and the amount of EU funding received per project if known per year. in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34582/26]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current status and anticipated publication timeline for the Roadmap for the Decarbonisation of Commercial Buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34636/26]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on the public consultation on the Irish Furniture Fire Regulations; the timeline for publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34704/26]

\*515. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34727/26]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has engaged with the Departments of Transport and Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the support gap affecting own account transport operators in the agricultural supply chain; the measures being considered to address the financial pressures on these businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34913/26]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on the merits of progressing the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34998/26]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any assessment carried out by his Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021 with a view to progressing the substantive aims of this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34999/26]

\*519. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35016/26]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35079/26]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will clarify whether the provisions of the Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Act 2019 apply to benefits such as complimentary green fees provided as part of a paid golf club membership package; whether it is permissible for such benefits to expire within a period of less than 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tom Brabazon. [35130/26]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline Ireland's current position at EU REACH Committee discussions concerning proposed restrictions on lead ammunition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35148/26]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of Ireland's position and contributions at the three most recent meetings of the EU REACH Committee at which proposals relating to restrictions on lead ammunition were discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35149/26]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the Government has assessed the proportion of licensed firearms in Ireland which would be unsuitable or unsafe for use with steel ammunition under proposed EU lead restrictions; if he will provide the findings of any such assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35150/26]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has engaged with representative organisations, farming bodies, clay pigeon shooting organisations and licensed firearms groups regarding proposed EU restrictions on lead ammunition; and if he will detail the engagement undertaken to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35190/26]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if the Government has assessed the proportion of licensed firearms in Ireland which would be unsuitable or unsafe for use with steel ammunition under proposed EU lead restrictions; to provide the findings of the assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35225/26]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he has reviewed a report (details supplied) and the recommendations relating to future AI jobs planning, enterprise AI adoption, business guidance on EU AI Act compliance, the functions and remit of the proposed AI Office of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35230/26]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of public houses, broken down by county, that applied for and were granted Increased Cost of Business and Power Grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35275/26]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details on the number of public houses, by county, that applied for and have been granted various Local Enterprise Office Grants in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35276/26]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of grants issued by Local Enterprise Offices, by grant category, by sector for each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35278/26]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his Department's definition of 'full employment' and if Ireland currently could be classified as having full employment. — Malcolm Byrne. [35311/26]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the strategies his Department has in place to address the current slowdown in recruitment in the global tech sector; the measures available to those workers being offered redundancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35312/26]

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

\*533. 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 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. [33961/26]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department will ensure access to structured, evidence-based literacy instruction in all mainstream classrooms for children with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33970/26]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department intends to address gaps in initial teacher education and mandatory training in dyslexia and structured literacy for children with dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33971/26]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason guidance continues to delay identification, contrary to international research for children with dyslexia; whether this will be reviewed; the specific measures that will ensure that inclusion is meaningful, rather than nominal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33972/26]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the proposed building extension for a school (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [33985/26]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review correspondence (details supplied); and if she can provide an update on this application. — Niamh Smyth. [33987/26]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the process for contractors receiving payment from Bus Éireann and the practice of withholding payments from contractors, citing alleged delays or administrative failures on the part of schools for school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [34007/26]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school building project (details supplied) that is part of a school amalgamation of three secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [34047/26]

\*541. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34053/26]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm whether the designated email account (details supplied) remains active and monitored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O'Flynn. [34070/26]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average response time for correspondence received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026. — Ken O'Flynn. [34071/26]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether an automatic acknowledgement is issued for emails sent to the designated email account (details supplied); and if not, the reason. — Ken O'Flynn. [34073/26]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that failure to respond to queries from Oireachtas members through the designated email account (details supplied) obstructs constituency casework and delays supports for children with additional needs; and the measures being taken to improve response times. — Ken O'Flynn. [34074/26]

\*546. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34082/26]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of schools with special classes in Dublin 9 and 11, as this list is not available anywhere on the Department's or the NCSE's website. — Paul McAuliffe. [34094/26]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1237 of 14 April 2026, if the provision of additional temporary accommodation can be sanctioned for a school (details supplied) ahead of the next school year in light of a sustained increase in enrolment numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [34097/26]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the portal to register for both school and home based summer provision will open at the same time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [34101/26]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the portal for both school and home based summer provision will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [34102/26]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review the education approach or policy regarding neurodivergent children in relation to points highlighted in correspondence (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [34120/26]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who have presented for the need of a special class and special school placement post the October deadline for submissions to the NCSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34155/26]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a status update on a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34156/26]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a decision to remove a teaching post for the school year 2026/2027 from a school (details supplied) can be reversed. — Séamus McGrath. [34176/26]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm that a school (details supplied) will be permitted to progress to the next stage of its application within the additional

accommodation scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34178/26]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth as to the envisioned enrolment over the next number of years for a school (details supplied); the estimated demand for places in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [34180/26]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of emails received through the designated email account (details supplied) in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 that remained unanswered after ten working days and after 20 working days. — Ken O’Flynn. [34196/26]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that failure to respond to queries from Oireachtas members through the designated email account (details supplied) obstructs constituency casework and delays access to supports for children with additional needs; and the measures being taken to improve response times. — Ken O’Flynn. [34198/26]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline in detail the proposed redeployment of SNAs in schools across County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34231/26]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to give reassurances to SNAs across County Kerry (details supplied); to consider improving pay and conditions for this most underrated sector in our school community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34237/26]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will assist a school in County Kerry as a matter of urgency (details supplied). — Michael Cahill. [34248/26]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently intervene and assist a school in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34266/26]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently review primary school survey results in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34267/26]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the appeal submitted by the board of management of a school (details supplied), seeking the retention of a mainstream teaching post for the 2026/2027 school year, having regard to the school’s confirmed and projected enrolment growth, increasing pressure at infant level, and its role in meeting local educational and special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [34272/26]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of emergency works applications her Department received each year for each of the past five years; the number of refused applications, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [34311/26]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average duration, as opposed to indicative timelines, that schools spend at each stage of the delivery process for projects under the School Building Programme; to provide a comparison of these durations with the time spent by

a specified list of schools (details supplied) at each stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [34317/26]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on section 69 of the Government's Action Plan submitted to the Committee of Ministers on 30 July 2025 in a case (details supplied); to specify the current position in respect of the approximately 40 further letters of claim and/or proceedings received since the June 2024 settlements; and the actions that have been taken to date in response to those claims. — Albert Dolan. [34318/26]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [34321/26]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the drawdown of summer works scheme funding approved for a school (details supplied) in October 2025; the current status of that funding; whether any issues are delaying drawdown; and to indicate when the school can expect to be in a position to draw down the approved funding. — Albert Dolan. [34326/26]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the payment process for State examination fees; the reason the fees are not collected through schools as part of existing school payment systems; the reason parents are required to use a separate SEC portal with separate log-in details; the reason parents are required to manage a process that schools are structurally closer to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [34361/26]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of places that will be available in a special school (details supplied); if she will provide information on the application and selection process for these places and details of the catchment area for this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34363/26]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the progress of negotiations regarding pension parity, occupational sick leave, and bereavement leave for school secretaries and caretakers; to provide a specific timeline for the implementation of these benefits following the Labour Court hearing on 12 January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34383/26]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to reduce the time it takes to achieve a Professional Master's in Education (PME) from two years to one year, taking into account the cost of undertaking a PME; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34402/26]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of teachers that are currently undertaking a PME across the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34403/26]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will consider implementing an updated circular for schools requiring students to use digital devices to ensure that affordability and reusability, particularly between siblings, are accounted for in a universal approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34404/26]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools in County Meath who have applied for the emergency works scheme in the past 12 months; the status of each application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34406/26]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the amount of funding allocated to schools in County Meath under the summer works scheme in each of the past three years, by school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34407/26]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of applications her Department has received for the school transport scheme from County Meath as of Tuesday 5 May 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34408/26]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students in County Meath currently without a confirmed post-primary school place for the 2026/2027 academic year; the measures being implemented to address this shortfall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34409/26]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the average primary school class size and ratio in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34410/26]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of substitute teachers available to schools in County Meath; the impact of shortages on teaching provision; the steps being taken to address these shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34411/26]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has carried out an audit on the condition of school buildings in County Meath; the findings of such an audit; the funding that is allocated to school building improvements for the year 2026/2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34412/26]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details regarding the new special school announced for Citywest; the timeline for and details of the project; when enrolment will be opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin O Broin. [34413/26]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any mechanism in place within her Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; her views on the merits of such a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34420/26]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the primary and post primary schools in County Meath currently undergoing construction works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34478/26]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on applications under the Bus Éireann school transport scheme for pupils attending a school (details supplied); to confirm whether the Department has assessed supporting documentation, confirming that places were unavailable when these pupils sought enrolment; to clarify whether, where ten or more pupils are deemed eligible, consideration will be given to the establishment of a new school

transport service; to advise if such arrangements can be put in place in advance of the September academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34504/26]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34505/26]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if Garda vetting is a component of the interview process for school teaching staff; whether this vetting process is informed by Tusla reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34506/26]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will take immediate action to install fibre connection at a school (details supplied) to restore internet access following an extended period of disconnection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Shónagh Ní Raghallaigh. [34526/26]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a matter (details supplied) regarding a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34550/26]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the project (details supplied) for approval to enter a short-term rental arrangement for a room within their local community centre as an interim measure for SEN facilities due to lack of space in the current school building, while the building project at the school, that is currently in phase 1, progresses. — Micheál Carrigy. [34612/26]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the special education school will open in Balbriggan. — Ann Graves. [34634/26]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special classes in Dublin 15 at primary school level, broken down per school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34660/26]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special classes in Dublin 15 at secondary school level, broken down per school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34661/26]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special classes in Dublin 7 at primary school level, broken down per school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34662/26]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special classes in Dublin 7 at secondary school level, broken down per school, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34663/26]

\*597. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34725/26]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the proposed redevelopment of a site (details supplied); the timeline for delivery of the promised new school facilities following the amalgamation of the three Ballyfermot secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34786/26]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to engage with Fingal County Council on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [34791/26]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the procedures followed by Education and Training Boards when appointing principals and senior staff to special schools; the safeguarding, vetting and reference checking requirements that apply; whether her Department intends to review these procedures following concerns raised in relation to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34792/26]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her proposals for a school (details supplied) for whom emergency works were refused to repair their defective roof and are left with no other options because the summer works scheme cuts off 12 months in advance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [34798/26]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on a special class for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34799/26]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she could clarify if there are any alternative assessment pathways when there is a shortfall of NEPS psychologists for those awaiting assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [34819/26]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to establish if there is additional NEPS resources or temporary cover that can be provided in the area when there is a shortfall of psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [34820/26]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a clear timeline for when affected children can expect to be assessed when key staff are unavailable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [34821/26]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to respond to correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [34888/26]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if teaching services abroad can be superannuated for pension purposes on retirement in a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O’Meara. [34889/26]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an application for a new school building (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [34931/26]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the Minister of State at the Department of Education with special responsibility for Special Education and Inclusion will meet with a group (details supplied), as he promised to do in October of last year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34934/26]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there has been any progress in ring fencing a portion of the ICT funding allocated to post primary schools specifically for the provision of suitable computers for design and communication graphics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34937/26]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has engaged with post primary schools, teachers or relevant stakeholders regarding the need to ring fence ICT funding for DCG specific computer equipment; and if so, the outcome of those engagements. — Peadar Tóibín. [34938/26]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration is being given to introducing a dedicated or ring fenced allocation within the post primary ICT grant to ensure schools can meet the technical requirements of design and communication graphics; and if she will outline any plans or timelines in this regard. — Peadar Tóibín. [34939/26]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her assessment of the impact on the delivery of design and communication graphics in post primary schools where ICT funding is insufficient to provide appropriate computer equipment; and the measures being taken to address this issue. — Peadar Tóibín. [34940/26]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the ‘Key to the EU’ programme developed through University College Cork for use in primary schools; if her Department would actively promote this programme within schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34953/26]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of primary schools currently using the ‘Key to the EU’ programme; whether participation is monitored by her Department, given the programme connects fully with the revised primary curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34954/26]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department is considering the development or expansion of educational programmes in schools and youth settings aimed at teaching children and teenagers practical skills relating to horse care, animal welfare and responsible ownership, particularly in areas of Dublin with a strong tradition of horse ownership; whether any engagement has taken place with equine welfare organisations, schools or youth services on such initiatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34968/26]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason the email address (details supplied) provided to principals of schools granted DEIS plus status is not working. — Jen Cummins. [34990/26]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the schools granted DEIS plus and granted two deputy release days are covered by a substitute teacher; if it has to be two days per week; the way it should be inputted into the OLCS system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [34991/26]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth where a school is granted DEIS plus status, if the new wellbeing teacher post is for a permanent teacher; if the staff member can only take the position for five years; if a principal can choose the candidate, or whether it is open for internal interview, like the HSCL role. — Jen Cummins. [34992/26]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a timeline for the addition of the dedicated autism class planned for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [34994/26]

\*621. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35014/26]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the funding in terms of capitation and capital works available to a school (details supplied). — Jen Cummins. [35023/26]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline, all primary and secondary schools in Dublin 2, Dublin 4, Dublin 6 and Dublin 6W with special classes; those under consideration, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [35041/26]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [35042/26]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will bring forward the announcement of Schools to be awarded funding under the climate action summer works scheme 2026 (category 7 climate action & windows) rather than waiting until the end of the year, to support schools that are waiting on and relying on this funding for works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35050/26]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to her Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within her Department; and if she will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35078/26]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a remote area grant can be offered (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35133/26]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide emergency funding to a school in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35191/26]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) with an exceptionally high concentration of socio-economic disadvantage and complex educational needs was excluded from both DEIS and DEIS Plus, and whether she will review this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35198/26]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason non-DEIS schools are excluded from the DEIS appeals process; the mechanism that exists for a school (details supplied) to seek reconsideration of its exclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35199/26]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will conduct a needs-based assessment of a school (details supplied) in light of its exceptionally high level of concentrated disadvantage and the absence of DEIS supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35200/26]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the interim supports that can be provided immediately to a school (details supplied) pending any future DEIS review, given the school's severe resource shortages, food insecurity among pupils, and high levels of complex need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35201/26]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the DEIS profiling model will be reformed to account for rural schools with non-local disadvantaged enrolments, such as a school (details supplied), where area-based indicators do not reflect the actual pupil population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35202/26]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department expects refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) to move to construction phase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [35215/26]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department expects refurbishment works at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [35216/26]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps her Department is taking to support a school (details supplied), which has been without broadband for over six weeks; the interim measures being put in place to ensure continuity of teaching, learning, school administration and assessments; if she will liaise with the Department of Communications to urgently resolve the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [35237/26]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will list and name the primary and secondary schools that are constituted entirely of modular / prefabricated buildings; the way she proposes to ensure that these schools are provided with fit-for-purpose permanent buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35244/26]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if modular / prefabricated buildings are eligible for Emergency Works Grant supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35245/26]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason an application for a new school building (details supplied) has faltered; the reason the local Education and Training Board have not been given direction to proceed to design; the reason the school is repeatedly asked to furnish additional reports and documents without these being acknowledged or leading to any significant developments in their application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35246/26]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a rat infestation led to structural damage and ultimately to collapse of a floor in a prefabricated primary classroom in a school (details supplied); the way in which her Department proposes to support the school to rid themselves of decrepit and unsafe prefabricated classrooms, with replacement by permanent buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35247/26]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a site has been selected for a new building for a primary school (details supplied) in County Clare; the efforts her Department has made to date, to legally secure said site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35248/26]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will, as a matter of absolute urgency, send a team of experts from her Department to survey on health and safety grounds, the existing buildings of a primary school (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35249/26]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the concerning fact that consultant engineers are, of late, refusing to take work relating to school building projects because of delays in being paid for their works and the requirement for them to often send and re-send drawings and documentation to her Department which do not always get officially acknowledged and often have no purpose in terms of advancing building projects which seem to be in a 'holding pattern' of unwarranted and unexplained systematic delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35250/26]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding the recently announced extension of HSCL provision, the criteria and data metrics that formed the basis of the decision to include or exclude schools in the extension of the scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35251/26]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has any plans to mandate epilepsy training as part of teacher training curriculum; whether her Department has any plans to mandate epilepsy training for all qualified teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35271/26]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of an application for a SEN classroom for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35310/26]

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

\*647. 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 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. [33967/26]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which he will ensure that applications for the basic income for artists are not prejudiced by a change to the application rules that were implemented after some applications had been submitted (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33995/26]

\*649. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34057/26]

\*650. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34087/26]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline the growth in digital connectivity and data usage in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34233/26]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34418/26]

\*653. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34734/26]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the National Broadband Ireland rollout for Tallow and surrounding areas in West Waterford; to confirm whether the area is due to be included in mapping in June; the expected timeline for survey, build works and connection availability; and the steps that are being taken to ensure rural communities in West Waterford are not left waiting further. — Conor D. McGuinness. [34797/26]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has identified areas in Dublin requiring additional public swimming pool capacity as part of future sports and community infrastructure planning; the plans, if any, to support the construction or redevelopment of public swimming pools in Dublin over the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34866/26]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the plans his Department has to support the development of new public swimming pools, particularly in areas experiencing limited access to public swimming facilities; the current number and locations of public swimming pools in Dublin, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34867/26]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport on which date Eircom (eir) pensioners will begin receiving their 2.1% pension increase following final Ministerial approval granted in March 2026, including backdated payments effective from 1 July 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34891/26]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to consider uploading a photo from the first National Famine Memorial Day in 2008 (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [34899/26]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to consider permanently changing the name of the National Famine Memorial Day commemoration to Irish Famine Commemoration Day which would be acceptable to the Unionist community and the title would unite the Irish people home and abroad on the 3rd Sunday in May and bring the day into International standard practice one day for an historical event in a Nations history. — Paul Murphy. [34900/26]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether there has been an update regarding a lease extension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [34965/26]

\*661. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35018/26]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35076/26]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the steps his Department will take to urgently provide a fibre broadband connection to a school (details supplied), which has been without connectivity for over six weeks and cannot be serviced by existing providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [35236/26]

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

\*664. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of the EU Birds and Habitats Directive; to detail any enforcement or infringement communications received from the EU on this; to confirm if Ireland is on track to meet these targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34568/26]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that the Commission for Regulation of Utilities already has the legal authority to set enforceable statutory timeframes for Uisce Éireann to issue connection offers and complete connection works; if he will direct the CRU to introduce maximum time limits in line with European norms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34917/26]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider directing the CRU to introduce statutory maximum timeframes, such as six weeks to issue a connection offer and six weeks to complete works, along with automatic compensation for

breaches, in order to address chronic delays in water and wastewater connections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34918/26]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of confirmed Asian Hornet nests identified in Ireland in 2025 and to date in 2026; the counties affected; and the actions taken to eradicate them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35323/26]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is grant aid available for septic tanks in close proximity to char habitats, given that char fish are a protected species (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35342/26]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has examined the feasibility of increasing the retirement age for firefighters to 65 years (details supplied), including any engagement with representative bodies and local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [35392/26]

\*670. 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 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. [33973/26]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost and the implications that would arise from extending the voluntary extension of the retirement age to 65 for retained firefighters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [33994/26]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the establishment and meeting frequency of the five working groups (details supplied) committed to in the October 2024 Ministerial Action Plan on planning resources; if he will list the specific recommendations these groups have made to date regarding immediate staff shortages in local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [34039/26]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in view of the commitment to 'significant resources in the 2024 Action Plan, to provide a breakdown of the way in which the funding secured in Budget 2025 has been allocated specifically to frontline planning posts in local authorities versus administrative or department-level oversight; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [34040/26]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the latest workforce data for the local government planning sector, specifically identifying the percentage of current senior and executive planners eligible for retirement within the next five years; the way in which the 2024 Action Plan specifically addresses this imminent loss of institutional knowledge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [34041/26]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planners who have been reassigned or recruited to ACP from local authorities since January 2024; the measures in place to backfill these critical vacancies at the local level, regarding the transition

of An Bord Pleanála to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [34042/26]

\*676. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34060/26]

\*677. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34090/26]

\*678. 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 a loss of privacy for neighbouring homes and residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34111/26]

\*679. 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 impact on the work of local authorities and their county development plans. — Barry Ward. [34112/26]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement that was had with architects and town planners prior to the recent changes to planning regulations for modular homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34113/26]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement that was had with senior management within local authorities prior to the recent changes to planning regulations for modular homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34114/26]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the mechanisms that are in place for local authorities to raise concerns related to recent changes to planning regulations for modular homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34115/26]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 27 November 2025, for an update on the number of affordable homes being provided in the Wicklow part of the Wicklow-Wexford constituency; to confirm that none of the affordable purchase houses in the Wicklow County Council area referenced were in the Arklow Local Electoral Area and to specifically outline what new affordable homes are under construction or have been provided in the constituency which comprises primarily the Arklow LEA and the southern part of the Blessington LEA, that is not homes in Bray, Greystones or the Wicklow LEAs, with the exception of Brittas Bay DED. — Malcolm Byrne. [34206/26]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 27 November 2025, for an update on the number of affordable homes being provided in the Wexford part of the Wicklow-Wexford constituency; and

to specifically outline the new affordable homes under construction or that have been provided in the constituency which comprises primarily the Gorey LEA and the northern parts of the Kilmuckridge and Enniscorthy LEAs ( this includes towns such as Kilmuckridge, Ferns and Bunclody but does not include Enniscorthy town nor any homes in the Wexford, Rosslare or New Ross LEAs. — Malcolm Byrne. [34207/26]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the protection a small landlord has when a difficult situation arises (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34217/26]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide further information on the shared accommodation scheme pilot for young people in Cork City referenced in Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030 and in the National Youth Homelessness Strategy 2023-2025, including information on the number of young people supported by the scheme since it began; to detail the wraparound supports being provided to the young people participating in the pilot; and whether an NGO is involved in the management of this scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34274/26]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy framework governing the granting, revocation and review of outdoor seating or street furniture licences by local authorities, including those relating to licensed premises; whether his Department has issued any guidance to local authorities in this regard; and whether he has received any representations concerning the revocation of such a licence for a premises in Dublin 2 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34309/26]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant or derelict hotel and guesthouse properties in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34354/26]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on current guidelines for local authorities installing solar PV on social housing; if local authority tenants are eligible to apply for a grant for these either through their local authority or the SEAI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34366/26]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a survey has been done of electricity costs in social housing before and after retrofitting works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34367/26]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current average processing times for Section 49 cases within Tailte Éireann; the number of such cases currently on hand categorised by length of time awaiting assessment such as zero to six months, six to 12 months, 12 to 18 months, 18 plus months; the reason a case (details supplied) lodged on 24 July 2025 remains at 'awaiting attention' stage; whether additional resources or staffing are being allocated to address delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34368/26]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that there can be a significant gap between grants awarded by the local authority and the actual cost of adaptation; if he can outline the supports that are in place for persons who cannot make up the shortfall specifically in the case where an occupational therapist has recommended significant alterations to ensure the safety and dignity of a disabled person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [34389/26]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34426/26]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when will there be a decision made on the protected disclosure that was submitted by a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [34498/26]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service have given consideration to acquiring the 1,500-acre land parcel for sale in Aghavannagh, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34565/26]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on measures taken by his Department to improve water quality in Ireland, specifically, actions relating to Lady’s Lake in Wexford, the Blackwater River and Lough Carra; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34569/26]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on his Department’s consideration of Fingal County Council’s proposals for housing at Tuckett’s Lane Park, Howth received in 2025. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34573/26]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when in 2025 his Department received updated proposals from Fingal County Council for housing at Tuckett’s Lane Park, Howth. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34574/26]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out the process whereby Fingal County Council was informed by his Department that they must remove green roofs from housing proposed for Malahide Road, despite the provision of such green infrastructure being an objective of policy at national, regional and local levels, and the reasons for these instructions. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34575/26]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether local authorities, approved housing bodies and the Land Development Agency have been given to understand by his Department that they should not include green roofs in housing proposals. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34576/26]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of BER exempt domestic properties in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [34638/26]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there are any mechanisms in place to prevent spurious or incorrect BER exemption claims on domestic properties; if there is any oversight or monitoring of domestic properties which claim BER exemptions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [34639/26]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is currently reviewing the mandatory retirement age for members of the Fire Service; the stage that

review is at; when he expects further information or recommendations to be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34701/26]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is examining the introduction of an extension scheme for firefighters approaching the current retirement age, similar to the system available to members of An Garda Síochána, whereby personnel may apply to continue in service subject to efficiency, maintained fitness levels, and the successful completion of required assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34702/26]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any proposed changes to the retirement age for firefighters would require legislative or regulatory amendment; and if so, the expected timeframe for such changes to be drafted, approved and enacted, should this be proceeded with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34703/26]

\*706. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34737/26]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the new National Planning Statement on Solar Energy; and to provide a timeline for its publication. — Malcolm Byrne. [34750/26]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is to be a review of local election boundaries in advance of local government elections in 2029; and a timeline for any such review. — Donna McGettigan. [34818/26]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any update on the expected publication date of the Taskforce on Local Democracy report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [34837/26]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports, remedial measures or discretionary arrangements that are available to a person who purchased a vacant or derelict property but was not advised by the local authority or any relevant State body at the time of purchase of their potential eligibility for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant; whether any flexibility exists for such cases (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [34886/26]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the reason Uisce Éireann currently takes an average of seven months to issue water and wastewater connection offers for both domestic and commercial developments; the actions being taken to reduce these delays given their impact on housing delivery nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34914/26]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that completed homes are sitting unoccupied due to delays in Uisce Éireann issuing connection offers and completing connection works; the implications of these delays during the ongoing housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34915/26]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address the fact that large-scale housing developments are unable to proceed to planning because Uisce Éireann regularly fails to meet its own internal deadlines for issuing connection offer letters; the measures he intends to take to ensure timely processing of such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34916/26]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate concerns that some developers are able to expedite Uisce Éireann connection applications through informal internal contacts, creating inequity and undermining confidence in the transparency of the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [34919/26]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a review and redrawing of the local electoral areas for the State's local authorities is expected to take place; whether this will occur in advance of the 2029 local elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Shane Moynihan. [34929/26]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has considered a CALF application for 60 houses in Carndonagh (details supplied); if so, his decision in relation to this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [34935/26]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the action plan on delivering housing for older people, as committed to in 'Delivering Homes, Building Communities'; the way in which the consultation process for the action plan will be conducted, including the timelines, stakeholders to be consulted, and the way older people and representative organisations will be directly engaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34966/26]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review ongoing of the housing assistance payment scheme within his Department with a view to ensuring it is operating as smoothly as possible for tenants in receipt of this support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34978/26]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review ongoing of the housing assistance payment scheme within his Department with a view to ensuring it is operating as smoothly as possible for landlords that have tenants that are in receipt of this support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34979/26]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review ongoing of the housing assistance payment scheme within his Department with a view to ensuring that anyone entitled to this payment can access it and is fully aware of their entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34980/26]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total cost to the exchequer of the housing assistance payment scheme for 2022, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34981/26]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total cost to the exchequer of the housing assistance payment scheme for 2023, broken

down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34982/26]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total cost to the exchequer of the housing assistance payment scheme for 2024, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34983/26]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total cost to the exchequer of the housing assistance payment scheme for 2025, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34984/26]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total cost to the exchequer of the housing assistance payment scheme to date in 2026, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34985/26]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total cost to the exchequer of the housing assistance payment scheme since the scheme was established to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34986/26]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the housing assistance payment scheme, specifically related to the practical accessibility of HAP for single adults in high-cost areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34987/26]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the specific mechanisms being used by his Department to address the affordability of housing at a national level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34988/26]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the specific mechanisms being used by his Department to address the affordability of housing in the wider Dublin area, where housing is priced at a particularly high level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34989/26]

\*730. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35025/26]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department plans to introduce regulations surrounding the transparency of money paid to property management companies by residents who feel as though their money is not be administered correctly. — Joe Neville. [35054/26]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 717 of 28 April 2026, if his Department has assessed the cashflow impact on applicants arising from the requirement to complete all works and submit all receipts

before any payment under the Croí Cónaithe grant is made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35059/26]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 717 of 28 April 2026, if his Department has examined the feasibility of allowing drawdown of Croí Cónaithe grant funding on the basis of a completion certificate issued by a qualified local engineer, with receipts retained for potential audit, as proposed by Mayo County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35060/26]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 717 of 28 April 2026, if his Department has consulted local authorities regarding administrative or operational challenges associated with the current Croí Cónaithe grant payment process, including the requirement for applicants to submit all receipts prior to payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35061/26]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 717 of 28 April 2026, if he intends to review the design of the Croí Cónaithe grant process in light of motions passed by local authorities, including Mayo County Council, requesting that applicants be permitted to draw down funds on the basis of a completion certificate issued by a qualified local engineer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35062/26]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when announcements will be made in relation to the Community Heritage Grant and the overall budget available for this scheme in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [35072/26]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35084/26]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will sign an activity requiring consent in respect of three bogs (details supplied) to allow families to cut turf providing them with fuel for the winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35138/26]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage how three bogs (details supplied) were designated special areas of conservation when the statutory instrument for each one was signed well after the required timeframe set out in Article 4, section (4) of the Habitats Directive, as 'within 6 years of 1997'; how such statutory instruments can be valid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [35139/26]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is planned to establish the proposed new Countryside Forum for Nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [35147/26]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the unilateral suspension of the Sustainable Hunting of Wild Bird Stakeholder

Forum; if he will arrange for the reconvening of the forum and/or the appointment of a new chair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35151/26]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what stakeholder groups or organisations have not yet been contacted in relation to any review of their Memoranda of Understanding with his Department; the reason for any delay in commencing such engagement; the timeline for completion of the review process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35152/26]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that he brought a memo to cabinet on 21 April 2026 on the retrospective funding of OMCs who have already funded the remediation of celtic tiger era building defects. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35187/26]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify his recent statement that the Department plans to review all existing Memoranda of Understanding it holds with external organisations; whether it is applicable to every MoU agreed with his Department; whether he can confirm all stakeholders involved have been notified; the expected timeline for completion of these reviews; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35188/26]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an application has been made to the Housing Activation Office in respect of the next section of the Athenry Ring Road; when a decision is expected to be made on this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35204/26]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any local authorities requested additional funding for Housing Adaptation Grants so far in 2026; if he is aware that several local authorities have already closed applications for housing adaptation grants, citing their total funding for the year had already been allocated; to provide a breakdown, by local authority, of Housing Adaptation Grant funding allocations for 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of grants approved and refused in each county; the way in which these allocations compare with population levels, including the population aged 65 and over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [35220/26]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of Memoranda of Understanding currently held between his Department and stakeholder groups or organisations; the criteria being used to assess existing agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35229/26]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the transfer of functions including responsibility for the Multiple Unit Development Act and the Property Services Regulatory Authority from the Department of Justice; Home Affairs and Migration to his Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35256/26]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the eight pathfinder projects due to receive retrospective funding for building defects remediation; including a detailed update on where each pathfinder project is at; and the funding that has been approved and the outstanding issues to be addressed before funding will be released. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35328/26]

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

\*750. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if long-Covid and incapacity to work is recognised by his Department as eligible grounds for invalidity pension. — Marie Sherlock. [33981/26]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the impact of leave in addition to maternity leave. — Séamus McGrath. [34182/26]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to give favourable consideration to introducing a cost of disability payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34230/26]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he will review the current disability allowance means test and earnings thresholds; whether any assessment has been undertaken of the impact of these thresholds on persons with chronic illness or disabilities who are in employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34310/26]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for assistance regarding an exceptional needs payment to a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34369/26]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34430/26]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will expedite an application for disability allowance for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [34495/26]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to engage in meaningful reform of the disability allowance means test (details supplied), especially in relation to how a partner's income is assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [34502/26]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on an appeal for supplementary welfare allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [34666/26]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the refusal of an application for the working family payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34753/26]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025 commitment to finalise an approach for benchmarking pension payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [34901/26]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether the annual input to Cabinet which sets out the rate of pension payment calculated using the smoothed earnings benchmark approach will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [34902/26]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the Department's report on the benchmarking and indexing of working-age social protection rates; when it is expected to be finalised and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [34903/26]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he will include a target for the reduction of poverty among older people in the upcoming successor to the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025, given that no target was set for this in the existing policy, and that 30% of older people living alone, and 15% of all older people, are now at risk of poverty, according to recently published CSO-SILC data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [34904/26]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Social Protection If an examination of improvements to key ancillary benefits such as the fuel allowance, household benefits package and living alone allowance to support vulnerable groups has occurred as per the Programme for Government; if not, when this examination is to occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Wall. [34905/26]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a constituent (details supplied) is forbidden from getting a second Community Welfare Payment when moving into a council house, 14-years after getting a payment when moving into their previous council house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [35053/26]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35088/26]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline any supports available to a person (details supplied) who is currently undergoing chemotherapy following a breast cancer diagnosis, and experiencing significant financial hardship due to their ineligibility for illness benefit. — Máire Devine. [35140/26]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the continued means testing of the carer's allowance, given that caring is a constant, full time role that does not operate on defined hours or shift patterns, and places significant mental, physical and emotional demands on carers; if he accepts that the current system does not adequately reflect the value of unpaid care work or the cost of living pressures faced by family carers; the consideration being given to removing or reforming the means test for carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [35160/26]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress on the commitment to examine the modifications or changes that may be made to support women who currently fall outside the existing schemes to qualify for a State pension, as per the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [35219/26]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to ensure that those who are in receipt of unemployment assistance payments are offered paths into training and employment. — Malcolm Byrne. [35317/26]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the numbers in 2025 in receipt of unemployment assistance who refused or failed to attend meetings relating to employment or training, or refused training courses; the actions that were taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35318/26]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of centenarian bounties paid in each of the years from 2016 to 2025; the projections of the number of payments made in 2026 and in coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35319/26]

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

\*773. 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 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. [33969/26]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of times that Gardaí attended a location (details supplied) in 2025 and to-date in 2026. — Tom Brabazon. [33980/26]

\*775. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34059/26]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied) for naturalisation. — Willie O’Dea. [34064/26]

\*777. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34089/26]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of residential properties he is listed as owner of on behalf of his Department; the county locations of same; the total costs incurred in purchasing these properties; the number that are allocated for use as international protection accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34096/26]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of English language schools removed from the ILEP in the past five years for breaching the rules; the reasons they were removed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [34103/26]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the mechanisms currently in place to ensure that all ILEP listed education providers are using escrow accounts for receiving course fees from non-EEA visa applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [34104/26]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of education providers removed from the ILEP for failing to use an escrow account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jen Cummins. [34105/26]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the current oversight arrangements are considered sufficient to ensure compliance with ILEP regulations, in light of reported delays in student refunds. — Jen Cummins. [34106/26]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration 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. — Jen Cummins. [34107/26]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of residential properties (that would be described as family homes) in the ownership of his Department, in each local authority area; and the purposes for which these properties are used, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34133/26]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of properties that have been transferred or purchased from the Housing and Sustainable Communities Agency to his Department in each month since January 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34134/26]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department owns a residential property (details supplied), as reported in a media outlet; the circumstances in which the property was purchased; and the intended purpose for which his Department will utilise the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34135/26]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS applicants that are housed by his Department in residential properties (that would be described as family homes) currently, and for each month since January 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34136/26]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of issues associated with a website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [34191/26]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); if his Department could offer guidance regarding such situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [34192/26]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to give a detailed progress report in regard to an ongoing application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34212/26]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on work to consider the case for a second Garda training college; the role that the tertiary system including regionally based universities and technological universities could play in the delivery of Garda training; and if a report is underway the timings involved in that report. — Emer Currie. [34229/26]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on concerns raised in respect of family reunification (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34239/26]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review the operation of the court fees regime under S.I. No. 492 of 2014 to ensure that fees do not act as a barrier to individuals seeking to vindicate their constitutional rights in the Superior Courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [34247/26]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to give an update on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34265/26]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 427 of 27 November 2026, to provide an update on the use of restorative justice in the Irish legal system, including data for 2025. — Malcolm Byrne. [34273/26]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the regulations and supports are in place to facilitate local authorities with the roll out of community CCTV cameras; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [34275/26]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm the local authorities that are, and are not, facilitating the roll out of community CCTV schemes in conjunction with An Garda Síochána across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Timmy Dooley. [34276/26]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on his Department's implementation of any of the recommendations contained in the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34294/26]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department accepts the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System finding that minority ethnic and migrant groups are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice systems of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and England & Wales; if he will publish disaggregated crime, arrest and imprisonment statistics by ethnicity and country of origin for Ireland in line with the report's recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34295/26]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has considered the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System warning that the absence of ethnic monitoring allows agencies to “escape accountability” for disparities; the steps his Department is taking to collect and publish data on the over-representation of foreign nationals and non-Irish ethnic groups in Irish prisons and probation services, as highlighted in prior studies referenced in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34296/26]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the way in which the Government intends to address the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System identified risks of stigmatisation when publishing ethnic crime data, while ensuring that the Irish public can have a transparent debate on any links between mass immigration, specific migrant ethnicities and rising crime rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34297/26]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the findings in the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System on the extreme over-representation of Indigenous and migrant-descended groups in the criminal justice systems of comparator countries have prompted any review of Ireland's immigration policy; if he will confirm whether future immigration decisions will be informed by robust ethnicity and nationality crime data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34298/26]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has examined the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System evidence that self-identification combined with officer perception is used successfully in England & Wales and New Zealand to capture accurate ethnicity data at the point of stop-and-search and arrest; if he will commit to introducing a similar standardised system in Ireland without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34299/26]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for his Department's response to the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System conclusion that victim ethnicity data is the least developed area across all comparator jurisdictions; if he will publish hate crime and victimisation statistics broken down by ethnicity and migrant status to inform public debate on the impact of mass immigration on community safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34300/26]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason Ireland continues to lag behind the comparator countries examined in the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System in routinely recording and publishing ethnicity data in the criminal justice system; if the Government's reluctance is due to concerns about what the data on migrant crime rates might reveal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34301/26]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will confirm that the April 2025 report An Evidence Review on Ethnic Monitoring in the Criminal Justice System recommendation for contextualised publication of ethnic data (to avoid implying direct causal links between ethnicity and crime) will not be used as a reason to suppress or delay the release of statistics on foreign national offending; if he will outline a timeline for full implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34302/26]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether, in light of the Ethnic Monitoring report's emphasis on the need for evidence-based policy to address disparities, his Department will now commit to a full public debate on the relationship between ethnicity, recent migration patterns and crime rates in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34303/26]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of nitrous oxide cannisters that have been seized by an Garda Síochána in 2024, 2025 and to date 2026; the way

they being stored; the way they are being disposed of; the cost associated with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [34308/26]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the guidelines that are in place with regard to the entitlements under the Criminal Justice (Victims of Crime) Act 2017 to inform victims and survivors of significant developments relating to their abuser; if a review has been carried out into the way these guidelines operate in practice; the findings of any such review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34356/26]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34427/26]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of prosecutions for offenses related to female genital mutilation in Ireland for each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34461/26]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of instances of female genital mutilation that have occurred in Ireland in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34462/26]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the approximate total number of women in Ireland that have been the victim of female genital mutilation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34463/26]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the merits of creating greater civilianisation within An Garda Síochána to reduce the administrative burden placed on Gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34464/26]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any review within his Department that seeks to create greater civilianisation within An Garda Síochána to reduce the administrative burden placed on Gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34465/26]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any engagement he has had with the Garda Commissioner in relation to civilianisation within An Garda Síochána to reduce the administrative burden placed on Gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34466/26]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of civilian roles within An Garda Síochána, by position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34467/26]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of civilian roles within An Garda Síochána, by year since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34468/26]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the expected average time from lodgement of an international protection application to final decision and removal under the International Protection Act 2026; the anticipated impact of the new Tribunal for Asylum and Returns Appeals on appeal processing times and the right to remain pending appeal; the estimated additional annual cost of the Tribunal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34507/26]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of screening centres designated to date under the International Protection Act 2026; the number of applicants exempted from the obligation to travel to a screening centre in the first three months of operation; the maximum duration of detention permissible under the new border return procedure; and whether he is satisfied that these provisions will result in faster removals of inadmissible applicants or if they will instead prolong stays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34508/26]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated number of family members expected to enter and reside in the State annually under the family reunification provisions of the International Protection Act 2026; the criteria applied to “stable relationships” and dependent relatives; the measures in place to prevent chain migration and additional pressure on housing and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34509/26]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated additional annual cost to the State of providing material reception conditions under the Reception Conditions Directive as transposed in the International Protection Act 2026; the number of applicants expected to qualify for accommodation, allowances and health/education supports; whether reductions or withdrawals of benefits for non-cooperation have been applied in any cases to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34510/26]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the Government’s planned annual intake under the Union Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Framework as provided for in the International Protection Act 2026; the projected cost per resettled person including family members; the mechanism to ensure that such admissions do not undermine the integrity of the domestic asylum system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34511/26]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Eurodac hits recorded since the commencement of the relevant provisions of the International Protection Act 2026; the number of those hits that resulted in accelerated procedures, transfer requests or removal orders; and whether he is satisfied that the biometric and data-sharing regime will prevent repeat or forum-shopping applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34512/26]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the contingency plans and additional resources that have been allocated under the crisis and force majeure provisions (Regulation (EU) 2024/1359) of the International Protection Act 2026; the threshold for triggering temporary protection for mass influxes; whether these provisions include any mechanism to suspend new applications at the border during such crises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34513/26]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the staffing levels, budget and first-year work programme of the newly established Office of the Chief Inspector of Asylum

Border Procedures under the International Protection Act 2026; the number of inspections or investigations carried out to date; whether the Inspector's reports will be published and acted upon to ensure value for money and stricter border controls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34514/26]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications still governed by the International Protection Act 2015 under the transitional provisions of the 2026 Act; the average processing time for those legacy cases; the steps being taken to prevent the new regime from inheriting or exacerbating the existing backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34515/26]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has engaged with the Data Protection Commission regarding the use of ad hoc video recording by businesses for the purpose of protecting staff and defending legal claims; and whether any cross-departmental guidance is being considered. — Ken O'Flynn. [34521/26]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 420 of 7 October 2025, if he will provide an update on guidelines from the Judicial Committee established in July 2024, further to a review of the role of expert reports in the family law process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34524/26]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No's. 421 and 422 of 7 October 2025, the status of the six recommendations to address the issues linked to actions within the Family Justice Strategy; the status of recommendations with the Parental Alienation Research Report and Policy Paper, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34525/26]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware and will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34555/26]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the transfer of oversight of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 legislation to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34567/26]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures his Department is exploring or implementing to tackle the growing threat of extremism in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34570/26]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the numbers of Gardaí actively deployed to roads policing, by division, for each quarter since 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34586/26]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update in relation to the development of the online digital evidence device management storage system allowing members to upload footage of traffic incidents; the implementing timeline on this; the cost; when it is likely to be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34593/26]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the number of detections, fixed charge notices issued, prosecutions initiated and fines paid for issues such as speeding, mobile phone usage, seat belt offences, drink/drug driving, insurance/documentation offences, careless/dangerous driving offences etc.; broken down by Garda district and month, since 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34594/26]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when will a decision will be made regarding International Protection Accommodation Centres currently based in hotels; when they will return to their original purpose; if there will be a list available of such hotels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [34654/26]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 377 of 26 March 2026, if he will provide the number of instances in which a juvenile liaison officer has utilised the restorative justice mechanism with a case in 2025 and to date in 2026; and the Garda districts in which this option was utilised. — Aidan Farrelly. [34664/26]

\*839. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34736/26]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite a work visa (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34784/26]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will clarify whether he and/or his officials, in conjunction with An Garda Síochána’s leadership team, will consider the development of a child and youth impact assessment in respect of the use of taser and incapacitant spray; and if he will clarify the protocol in respect of the use of same on persons under the age of 18. — Aidan Farrelly. [34834/26]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 423 of 7 October 2025, if he will report on the work of the Family Justice Strategy 2022 - 2025, a Family Justice Training Working Group; the status of the review into existing training needs for those working within family justice; the timeframe in which he intends effective and relevant training programmes will be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34870/26]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 424 of 7 October 2025, if he will report on the work of the Voice of the Child working group; the timeframe in which he expects Voice of the Child guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34871/26]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the engagement his Department has had with a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34926/26]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with respect of the Immigration Service, the factors or circumstances that have led to later applications, including

those from 2025, being decided ahead of earlier applications that remain pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34995/26]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with respect of the Immigration Service, are there specific criteria or internal processes that explain why some 2024 applications have not progressed beyond Stage 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34996/26]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with respect of the Immigration Service, to confirm if there is a defined queueing system in place; if so, the way is it being applied where chronological order does not appear to be followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34997/26]

\*848. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35024/26]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35085/26]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the banning of the use of scramblers in public places; whether the Gardaí have sufficient powers to enforce this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35134/26]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the key performance indicators in place to monitor the effectiveness of the banning of the use of scramblers in public places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Currie. [35136/26]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures currently in place between An Garda Síochána, local authorities and animal welfare agencies to address illegal sulky racing on public places and roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35142/26]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will provide an update on the work of the Firearms Forum established by his Department, including the number of meetings held to date and the matters discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35153/26]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason discussion of inconsistencies in the application and administration of firearms legislation was ruled out of order at the most recent firearms stakeholder meeting held in Kilmainham; whether this matter was raised by stakeholder representatives at the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [35154/26]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason no terms of reference have been published or circulated for the Firearms Forum; whether formal terms

of reference have been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [35189/26]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Juvenile Liaison Officers attached to Kildare-Carlow Division as of 6 May 2026; if he will provide the same figures as of 31 December 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35213/26]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of 4x4 vehicles currently in the Kildare-Carlow Garda Fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35214/26]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason Palestinian nationals remain subject to visa requirements to enter the State while Israeli citizens may travel to Ireland without a visa; the number of visa applications from Palestinian nationals that have been approved and refused in each of the past five years, in tabular form; whether his Department has reviewed the operation of the visa system for Palestinians in light of the humanitarian situation in Gaza and the West Bank; whether any changes or humanitarian measures are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35224/26]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason there is no set membership or published criteria for membership of the firearms forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35226/26]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he has sought a report from An Garda Síochána regarding the consistency of firearms licensing decision-making practices nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35227/26]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the security screening process that will be in place for participants, management and supporters of Israel when they visit Ireland to play in the Aviva stadium on 4 October 2026; and if he intends to arrest any person who is reported or known to be an active participant in genocide in Gaza. — Pat Buckley. [35228/26]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide statistics on the number of firearms used in recorded crimes in each of the past years; and to further provide a breakdown of the assessed source of the firearms. — Emer Currie. [35231/26]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the transfer of functions including responsibility for the Multiple Unit Development Act and the Property Services Regulatory Authority from his Department to the Department of Housing; Local Government and Heritage. — Eoin Ó Broin. [35257/26]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage by citizenship of all prisoners currently held in Irish prisons. — Malcolm Byrne. [35315/26]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the levels of co-ordination on national cybersecurity across all Government Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35316/26]

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

\*866. 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 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. [33975/26]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether there is any public information available regarding the level of EU agricultural funding going to large farmers in Ireland. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [34002/26]

\*868. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34062/26]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question 883 of 28 April 2026, the timeline for his Department's response and subsequent publication of the report commissioned by his Department in December 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [34065/26]

\*870. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34092/26]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made to date regarding the submission from an organisation to curb dog attacks on sheep and lambs (details supplied); his views that more is required than just advising dog owners to be more responsible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34225/26]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for Sulky racing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34234/26]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views regarding the restricted sales of cattle under the new TB Action Plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34290/26]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34415/26]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to set out the details of meetings he, or a Minister of State, has had with representatives of Fingal County Council in

the past three years at which the issue of parking at Howth Harbour was discussed. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34572/26]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34673/26]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any State funding to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34674/26]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the existing level of support to an organisation (details supplied) is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34675/26]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any work ongoing within his Department that seeks to support an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34676/26]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the merits of progressing the Native Irish Honeybee Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34677/26]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any assessment carried out by his Department of the Native Irish Honeybee Bill 2021 with a view to progressing the substantive aims of this legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34678/26]

\*882. 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 Cork North West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34739/26]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the Native Irish Honeybee Bill 2021; to provide a timeline for the Bill to be voted on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34752/26]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the reason applications (details supplied) were not successful; if the outcome can be reversed as the applicant has invested heavily in the preparatory works for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [34755/26]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to outline any scientific evidence his Department is in receipt of that suggests badgers contribute to the spread of bovine TB, noting that publicly available research (details supplied), does not appear to support this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34813/26]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware that over 80% of badgers destroyed as part of the TB eradication scheme tested negative for TB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34814/26]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has examined whether the practice of badger culling is at variance with the species' protections under the Wildlife Act 1976; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34815/26]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department imposes any restrictions on the culling of badgers during the breeding season from January to March; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [34816/26]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1417 of 4 November 2025, and the subsequent direct response issued by Teagasc confirming that errors in the reporting of the lambing difficulty score scale occurred in two Teagasc led peer reviewed publications and were corrected by erratum or corrigendum, if he will confirm whether either his Department or Teagasc has examined whether the same or similar error has occurred in any other Teagasc research papers, technical publications, advisory articles, or conference proceedings on sheep breeding, either before or after the identification of these errors; if such a review has been carried out, to list the publications and events examined, the outcome of that review, and any further errata or corrections issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [34880/26]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request Teagasc, and where appropriate the Central Statistics Office, to provide the annual average number of lambs weaned per ewe in the national mid season lowland sheep flock for each year from 2000 to the most recent year available, as reported in Teagasc National Farm Survey sheep reports or equivalent publications; the total number of lowland breeding ewes in the national flock for each year from 2000 to the most recent year available, distinguishing, where possible, between lowland and hill ewes; the monthly number of lambs slaughtered in Ireland, separately identified from adult sheep where data allow, or alternatively a seasonal or quarterly breakdown, for each year from 2008 to the most recent year available, as recorded in the CSO livestock slaughtering series, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [34881/26]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide, in respect of the Irish Cattle Breeding Federation (ICBF), the total amount of Exchequer and CAP funding the organisation has received since its inception, for each year from 2008 to the most recent year available; the amount of funding paid to ICBF, disaggregated by source and type, including annual operating grants, capital or infrastructure grants under the Cattle/Sheep Breeding Infrastructure Programme or its predecessors, and project specific or research and development grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [34882/26]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide in respect of Sheep Ireland, the total amount of Exchequer and CAP funding the organisation has received since its inception; for each year from 2008 to the most recent year available; the amount of funding paid to Sheep Ireland, disaggregated by source and type, including annual operating grants, capital or infrastructure grants under the Cattle/Sheep Breeding Infrastructure Programme or its predecessors, and project specific or research and development grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Lawless. [34883/26]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering strengthening the legislation and enforcement mechanisms relating to equine ownership and animal welfare, in light of ongoing concerns regarding horses being kept by persons without the proper facilities, resources or capacity to care for them adequately; the measures currently in place to prevent neglect and abandonment of horses; whether additional inspections, licensing

requirements or penalties are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34967/26]

\*894. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35027/26]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the issues concerning 19 shares of commonage relative to lands at a location (details supplied) and recorded under a number of herd numbers, have now been resolved; and if all payments due to those involved are up to date. — John McGuinness. [35046/26]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35073/26]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department maintains statistics on horse injuries, collapses or fatalities linked to sulky racing, including unofficial road racing events; if he will provide a breakdown by county for the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35141/26]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether consideration has been given to introducing specific welfare standards governing the training and use of horses in sulky racing activities, including veterinary inspections, equipment standards and fitness-to-race requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35143/26]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 299 of 15 April 2026, if it is correct to interpret information contained in the reply to mean that in the years 2021 and 2022, a total of 1,308 greyhounds were not reported to the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System (RCETS) as having been homed, and therefore were not recorded on this system as such; if this interpretation is correct, the way in which this cohort of dogs was accounted for on the RCETS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [35206/26]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of revenue his Department has received from rent from commercial units in each of the Fisheries Harbour Centre under his Department in the first four months of 2026; if he will provide the same figures for the corresponding period in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35212/26]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will reconsider imposing a rigid deadline of the 27 May 2026 for accessing the fuel income support scheme given the level of documentation required and the administrative burden being placed on farmers and contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35242/26]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the fuel income support scheme is a demand lead scheme that will provide support to all eligible applicants or if the

funding for the scheme is limited and only eligible applicants up to the funding limit will receive support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [35243/26]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to support generational renewal in farming, particularly in light of rising land, machinery and input costs facing young farmers seeking to enter the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [35252/26]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cumulative impact of the new TB testing rules introduced in April 2026, in conjunction with the current export restrictions, particularly in terms of additional costs, labour requirements, and movement limitations imposed on farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [35253/26]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has considered proposals to recognise native honey bee hives as livestock units under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), including the suggestion that one hive of native Irish honey bees would constitute one livestock unit, with the first four units eligible for €500 per livestock unit and subsequent units for €250 each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [35254/26]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rationale for the new regulations granting the Agri-Food Regulator additional powers to compel price and market information; the reasons for the lead-in time before commencement; and the basis for excluding small businesses from the scope of these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — William Aird. [35255/26]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has examined the recommendations contained within the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 2026 to 2030 strategy regarding animal welfare reform; whether legislative or policy changes are under consideration arising from the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35268/26]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current number of authorised animal welfare inspectors operating nationally; whether consideration is being given to increasing resources for animal welfare enforcement in view of ongoing reports of animal cruelty and neglect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35269/26]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions being taken to strengthen penalties and enforcement measures under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 for persons convicted of serious animal cruelty offences; whether consideration is being given to mandatory lifetime bans on animal ownership in the most serious cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [35270/26]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the scientific assessment into the threats posed by imported non-native honey bees, commissioned by his Department and reportedly completed in December 2024, will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35321/26]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of the Protection of the Native Irish Honey Bee Bill 2021; the reason for the delay at Stage 2 in Dáil

Éireann previously; the timeframe for progressing the legislation now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [35322/26]

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

\*912. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to give consideration to the Family Resource Centre National Forum Pre-Budget Submission (details supplied) as Family Resource Centres provide an invaluable service to their communities and there has been a substantial rise in demand for their services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34613/26]

\*913. 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 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. [33962/26]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 417 of 30 April 2026, the steps that will be taken to introduce a system of continuous monitoring and cross-setting accountability for individuals working with children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34008/26]

\*915. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34054/26]

\*916. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34083/26]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average annual cost per child of a private residential care placement in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will provide the minimum, maximum and median cost per placement under current contractual arrangements. — Ken O'Flynn. [34137/26]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to set out the standardised national pricing bands or cost ceilings applied to private residential childcare placements under the current 2025-2028 contract; and the methodology used to determine those rates. — Ken O'Flynn. [34138/26]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla publishes or internally maintains benchmark rates for private residential care placements; if so, to provide details; and if not, the basis on which value for money is assessed in the absence of such benchmarks. — Ken O'Flynn. [34139/26]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla requires private providers of residential childcare placements to disclose cost breakdowns, including staffing, overheads, property, and profit margins, as part of the tendering or contracting process; and if so, to provide details of same. — Ken O’Flynn. [34140/26]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any cap, limit or oversight mechanism exists in respect of profit margins earned by private providers of residential childcare placements funded by the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34141/26]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any comparative cost analysis has been undertaken between Tusla-operated residential care placements and privately operated placements; if so, to provide the findings; and if not, whether such analysis will be undertaken. — Ken O’Flynn. [34142/26]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the cost levels set in the 2024 tender process were benchmarked against other jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom; and if so, to provide details of such benchmarking exercise. — Ken O’Flynn. [34143/26]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average weekly and annual cost per child of Special Emergency Arrangements in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and the total expenditure on such arrangements in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34144/26]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to quantify the savings achieved following the introduction of the Special Emergency Arrangement rate card in December 2023; and the methodology used to calculate such savings. — Ken O’Flynn. [34145/26]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the proportion of children in residential care currently placed in privately operated facilities; and the trend in such placements over the past five years. — Ken O’Flynn. [34146/26]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether time-to-permanency is tracked as a formal key performance indicator at national level by her Department or by Tusla; and if not, the way in which system performance is measured in the absence of outcome-based metrics. — Ken O’Flynn. [34159/26]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently in State care who have been in care for more than two years; more than five years; and more than ten years, and whether these duration cohorts are subject to any specific policy intervention or review mechanism. — Ken O’Flynn. [34160/26]

\*929. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether responsibility for setting national policy on time-to-permanency outcomes for children in care rests with her Department; and if so, the policy framework currently governs same. — Ken O’Flynn. [34161/26]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has undertaken any comparative analysis with other jurisdictions regarding time-to-permanency

targets or standards in child protection systems; and if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [34162/26]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether prolonged duration in State care without a permanency outcome is recognised within national policy as a risk factor for adverse long-term outcomes for children; and the measures in place to mitigate such risk. — Ken O’Flynn. [34163/26]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether there is a requirement for periodic formal review at national level of cases where a child has been in State care for more than five years; and if so, the governance arrangements underpinning such reviews. — Ken O’Flynn. [34164/26]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans in regard to the continued sealing of State records relating to mother and baby homes, and denying survivors and families access to the truth; if she will investigate and excavate burial sites where children are believed to be buried, unseal institutional records and provide survivors and families access to their own information, extending redress to all survivors, without exclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34177/26]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the action being taken to address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34179/26]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the staff-to-child ratio and average length of stay in private versus statutory residential centres operated or funded by Tusla; the number of children that are currently on a waiting list for a residential care placement; the average waiting time; the procurement or tendering process governs the awarding of contracts to private residential care providers by Tusla; when was that process last reviewed; the number of privately operated children’s residential centres currently hold HIQA registration; the current rate of compliance with HIQA standards across both private and statutory centres; the total number of Irish children currently placed in residential care outside the State, including in the United Kingdom, and the annual cost of such placements. — Ken O’Flynn. [34211/26]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether individual residential childcare placements procured from the approved panel are subject to a secondary competitive process between providers; and if not, the basis on which a provider is selected in each case. — Ken O’Flynn. [34218/26]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to set out the allocation mechanism used by Tusla when assigning residential childcare placements from the approved panel, including whether a ranking system, rotation system, or mini-competition process is applied. — Ken O’Flynn. [34219/26]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether standardised national pricing frameworks, cost ceilings, or maximum weekly rates apply to private residential childcare placements procured through the panel; and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [34220/26]

\*939. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the weighting applied to price, quality, and other criteria in the original tender process used to establish the residential childcare provider panel. — Ken O’Flynn. [34221/26]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether emergency or out-of-hours residential childcare placements are exempt from standard procurement procedures; and if so, the safeguards in place to control cost and ensure value for money in such cases. — Ken O’Flynn. [34222/26]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of providers currently on the residential childcare procurement panel; the date on which the panel was established; its duration; and whether additional providers may be admitted during its lifetime. — Ken O’Flynn. [34223/26]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any value-for-money, procurement compliance, or audit review has been conducted in respect of private residential childcare placements since 2020; and if so, to provide details and findings. — Ken O’Flynn. [34224/26]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 1037 of 17 February 2026, if any progress been made in respect of an urgent matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34241/26]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34264/26]

\*945. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to review the process of assessments for Autism in children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34288/26]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when legislation will be published and introduced, amending the Institutional Burial Act to enable first cousins to provide DNA for matching with babies lost in the Tuam Mother and Baby Home. — Ivana Bacik. [34324/26]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the review of the mother and baby institutions payment scheme is running to time; if it is proposed that the review will be debated by Oireachtas, both before and after it is conducted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [34325/26]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current number of children in special emergency arrangements (SEAs), by Tusla region and age group. — Peadar Tóibín. [34370/26]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average, median, and longest duration a child has spent in a special emergency arrangement in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [34371/26]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children that have remained in a special emergency arrangement for longer than 30 days, 90 days and six months. — Peadar Tóibín. [34372/26]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the statutory or legal basis under which children may be placed in unregistered special emergency arrangements, particularly

where such placements extend beyond the immediate emergency period. — Peadar Tóibín. [34373/26]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether court approval or judicial oversight is sought when a child remains in a special emergency arrangement beyond an initial emergency period; and if not, the reason. — Peadar Tóibín. [34374/26]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason HIQA does not inspect special emergency arrangements; and whether she will commit to extending independent inspection powers to these placements. — Peadar Tóibín. [34375/26]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of safeguarding incidents, serious concerns, or Garda referrals that have arisen in special emergency arrangements in the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [34376/26]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of required weekly visits to children in special emergency arrangements were missed or delayed in the past 12 months. — Peadar Tóibín. [34377/26]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the proportion of children in special emergency arrangements that have accessed independent advocacy services; and whether any barriers to access have been identified. — Peadar Tóibín. [34378/26]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason oversight of special emergency arrangements is conducted entirely within Tusla; and whether any independent or external oversight mechanism exists. — Peadar Tóibín. [34379/26]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will commit to a timeline for the elimination of long-term special emergency arrangements. — Peadar Tóibín. [34380/26]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the CDNTs within which there are family representatives adopted and in place; those for which there is a vacancy; the CDNTs in which any family representatives have stood down since January 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [34388/26]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any mechanism in place within her Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; her views on the merits of such a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34416/26]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Building Blocks Grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34469/26]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the status and number of operational respite beds for children with disabilities in Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34470/26]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the timeframe for the Government moving towards the target of €200 per month for childcare costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34471/26]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2493 of 14 April 2026, if she will outline when local county childcare committees will receive funding for applications submitted under the early learning and childcare capital programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34472/26]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a county-by-county breakdown of the number of city/county childcare committees currently in operation within the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34473/26]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to increase the provision of Irish-medium early years services in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34474/26]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on progress in relation to the State's acquisition of childcare facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34475/26]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare facilities the State has acquired in County Meath for the years 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34476/26]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline supports available to those who want to open new childcare services; if any new measures are being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [34477/26]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when will there be a decision made on the protected disclosure that was submitted by a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [34497/26]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which her Department plans to tackle the issue of children attending childcare facilities on a part-time basis (details supplied) and are charged full time rates and as a result are paying more in childcare fees than those attending full-time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [34499/26]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if findings of Tusla investigations form part of the Garda vetting process; if statutory bodies, such as the Teaching Council, are informed of the findings of an investigation by Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [34560/26]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any support mechanisms in place to support families whose childcare facilities have withdrawn from the core funding model, specifically in relation to the knock-on price increase for childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34679/26]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the withdrawal of a childcare facility from the core funding model (details supplied); the

actions she will take to support parents with the knock-on price increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34680/26]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any engagement that her Department has had with the management of a childcare facility (details supplied) prior to their withdrawal from the core funding model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34681/26]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any engagement that her Department has had with the management of a childcare facility (details supplied) since their withdrawal from the core funding model with a view to continuing their participation in this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34682/26]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the number of childcare centres that have withdrawn from the core-funding model for each year since it was initiated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34683/26]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the mediation mechanisms in place for childcare providers that are considering withdrawing from the core funding model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34684/26]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the core funding model for childcare is under review to reflect the number of childcare centres withdrawing from the model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34685/26]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any mechanism in place that seeks to bring childcare facilities that have left the core funding model back into this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34686/26]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any mechanism in place that seeks to bring childcare facilities that have never signed up to the core funding model into this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34687/26]

\*982. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34726/26]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on increasing respite for parents of a person (details supplied) with a view securing a supported residential placement following a transition period. — Paul McAuliffe. [34754/26]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of single-occupancy residential placements for people with an intellectual disability, neurodevelopmental condition or acquired brain injury provided by the HSE, Section 38 organisations, Section 39 organisations and private for-profit companies in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by provider type and health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34781/26]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total cost per annum of single-occupancy residential placements for people with an intellectual disability, neurodevelopmental condition or acquired brain injury provided by the HSE, Section 38 organisations, Section 39 organisations and private for-profit companies in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by provider type and health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34782/26]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the procedures and inter agency protocols in place between Tusla, the Department of Education and Youth and school authorities in circumstances where allegations of abuse in a school setting (details supplied) have been assessed by Tusla as founded; the safeguards in place to ensure relevant child protection concerns are appropriately communicated to bodies with responsibility for school oversight and safeguarding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34793/26]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to consider the purchase of a building in Kilcock, County Kildare (details supplied) under the new €135 million programme of State-led early learning and childcare services; if she will provide a schedule of sites that she has already purchased and/or leased under the scheme to date and if she will indicate whether lease or purchase option has been utilised. — Aidan Farrelly. [34817/26]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide figures for the funding allocated to a person (details supplied) in 2025 and for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34824/26]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the development of child and youth impact assessments, including the pilot planned for her Department during the second half of 2025, a timeline for adoption across all Government departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [34833/26]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she considers it fair or reasonable that under the current Core Funding banding system, a childcare service falling marginally into a higher band (for example, by a matter of minutes) results in parents being charged significantly higher weekly fees, despite no additional childcare being provided; and if she will review the banding thresholds to address such anomalous outcomes. — Peadar Tóibín. [34941/26]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide a direct response on whether she believes it is equitable that families can face substantial additional costs (in excess of €50 per week) due solely to an arbitrary banding cut off in contracted hours, rather than actual childcare provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [34942/26]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers currently classified within each Core Funding band; the number of families impacted by band threshold differences; and whether her Department has conducted any assessment of the financial impact on families whose childcare hours fall just above a band cutoff. — Peadar Tóibín. [34943/26]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any review has been undertaken of the Core Funding banding system to identify potential cliff-edge effects at band thresholds; and if she will consider introducing a tapered or pro-rata system to prevent significant cost increases arising from minimal differences in hours. — Peadar Tóibín. [34944/26]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has examined cases where a difference of minutes in weekly childcare hours results in substantially higher fees (for example, approximately €59 per week), amounting to over €1,000 annually for families; and whether she considers this an unintended flaw in the scheme design. — Peadar Tóibín. [34945/26]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she considers the outcome whereby parents are charged significantly more due to marginal differences in contracted childcare hours to be fair; and to outline any steps she will take to address such issues. — Peadar Tóibín. [34946/26]

\*996. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35015/26]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the lack of childcare services currently available in the Clifden area, County Galway; if she has considered the potential of establishing a community crèche in the Clifden area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [35034/26]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to examine the poll by child care providers (details supplied) and answer the concerns raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [35058/26]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to her Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within her Department; and if she will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35074/26]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when Ireland will implement the European Union Disability Card Directive; the steps currently being taken by her Department towards its transposition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [35162/26]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if equine therapy facilities will be developed at the HSE's Toghermore campus in Tuam, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [35205/26]

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding streams available to support the establishment of a new Family Resource Centre, including capital and operational supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35289/26]

\*1003. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of referrals for family support services in County Offaly in each of the past five years; the current waiting times for such supports in the Midlands region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35290/26]

\*1004. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of Family Resource Centres per capita in each county; the position of County Offaly relative to the national average; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35291/26]

\*1005. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or Tusla has undertaken an assessment of need regarding the provision of family resource centre services in Birr and the wider south Offaly region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35293/26]

\*1006. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the criteria used by Tusla and her Department when considering proposals for new family resource centres, including whether population growth, rural isolation, transport accessibility, deprivation indicators and family support demand are considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35294/26]

\*1007. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether there are plans to expand the family resource centre programme during 2026 and 2027; the number of additional centres envisaged nationally; if towns such as Birr may be considered under any future expansion process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35295/26]

\*1008. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will request that Tusla engage with Offaly County Council, local community organisations and public representatives regarding the feasibility of establishing a family resource centre in Birr; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35296/26]

\*1009. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average distance travelled by families in County Offaly to access Tusla-funded family support and family resource centre services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35297/26]

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

\*1010. To ask the Minister for Health if she will investigate the case of a couple (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [35161/26]

\*1011. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on RSV Immunisation Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [33963/26]

\*1012. 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 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. [33968/26]

\*1013. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available for the purchase of a PET scanner for Beaumont Hospital. — Tom Brabazon. [33976/26]

\*1014. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons based at Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital as of 28 April 2026. — Tom Brabazon. [33977/26]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO9 where GPs on GMS scheme have notified the HSE that they intend to retire within the next six months. — Tom Brabazon. [33978/26]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the recent reporting that over 80% of Ireland's radiotherapy machines require immediate or imminent replacement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33982/26]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to ensure there is adequate provision for cancer patients seeking radiotherapy given recent reports that over 80% of Ireland's radiotherapy machines require immediate or imminent replacement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33983/26]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to upgrade radiotherapy machines nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33984/26]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure a person (details supplied) will receive a discretionary hardship payment as an interim support, pending the outcome of the acarizax reimbursement application due to significant financial hardship and the medical necessity of the treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [33989/26]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered the National Ambulance Service capital investment plan for the midwest for 2027, including staffing need, vehicle need, recurring cost and capital investment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Conor Sheehan. [33990/26]

\*1021. To ask the Minister for Health if children over the age of 12 years will be made eligible for free glass under the medical card scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34003/26]

\*1022. To ask the Minister for Health her current plans to decrease orthodontic waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34004/26]

\*1023. To ask the Minister for Health to consider implementing a clear reimbursement scheme for those patients who have been advised to seek care in Northern Ireland for orthodontic services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [34005/26]

\*1024. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34018/26]

\*1025. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on appointment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34020/26]

\*1026. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 77 planned residential places nationwide that are earmarked for Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [34043/26]

\*1027. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently allow for the transfer of a person (details supplied) to the Bon Secours Hospital in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34046/26]

- \*1028. 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 Fingal each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34058/26]
- \*1029. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that HSE home support (Clare) has approved a significant number of families for home care support which they are unable to provide due to staff shortages (details supplied); the statistics for the number approved and the number currently not receiving care; if she is planning any initiatives to remedy this staff shortage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34066/26]
- \*1030. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the implementation of Regulation (EU) No. 1169/2011 into primary and secondary legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [34068/26]
- \*1031. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34088/26]
- \*1032. To ask the Minister for Health for assistance regarding an invalidity pension (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [34093/26]
- \*1033. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a new date for an orthopaedic operation at Sligo University Hospital; the reason planned surgery was cancelled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34095/26]
- \*1034. To ask the Minister for Health her views on a matter (details supplied). — Shane Moynihan. [34098/26]
- \*1035. To ask the Minister for Health whether Government is satisfied there is effective and consistently applied clinical governance oversight across HSE South West; whether identified clinical leadership gaps have been independently reviewed; whether vacancies, fragmented accountability or weak leadership structures have affected patient safety, service quality or risk management; the assurance that will be given that clinical governance failures are not contributing to repeated performance and safety concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34108/26]
- \*1036. To ask the Minister for Health the total agency staffing expenditure within the public Health Service to date in 2026, broken down by HSE health region, staff category, and service area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34121/26]
- \*1037. To ask the Minister for Health the specific annual savings target set by the HSE for agency staffing expenditure in 2025 and 2026; the savings achieved to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34122/26]

\*1038. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff converted to direct HSE employment under the July 2025 agency conversion framework, broken down by HSE health region and staff category. — Ken O’Flynn. [34123/26]

\*1039. To ask the Minister for Health the reason maintenance and technical agency staffing expenditure increased from €12.4 million in 2024 to €68.2 million in 2025; whether this increase has been reviewed by the HSE or her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34124/26]

\*1040. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE records the reason for agency staffing expenditure by category, including vacancy cover, sick leave, maternity leave, surge activity, or unfilled recruitment; and if so, to provide the breakdown for 2024, 2025, and to date in 2026. — Ken O’Flynn. [34125/26]

\*1041. To ask the Minister for Health if the number of dental hygienist courses provided nationally is sufficient to meet demand; if she has given consideration to the shortage of places and consequential effect of waiting times for appointments; if her Department is in correspondence with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoghan Kenny. [34154/26]

\*1042. To ask the Minister for Health for an update regarding the status of and funding for, the RSV immunisation programme for newborns for 2026. — Marian Harkin. [34165/26]

\*1043. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated total costs for the newly completed Killarney Community Nursing Unit, including all payments associated with the public private partnership contract, including not just the cost of design and construction, but also the cost of financing, operating and maintaining the facility, and including the provision of a fully maintained facility for the duration of the contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34171/26]

\*1044. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment can be expedited for a person in Kerry who is suffering with vision problems and debilitating nerve pain since June 2025 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34175/26]

\*1045. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration can be given to the urgent circumstances of a patient in Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34185/26]

\*1046. To ask the Minister for Health to provide data in relation to the extent of the alarming rise in coercive abortion in Ireland; and if she will outline plans to examine the problem, determine its scale, and identify measures to help bring an end to this form of violence against women and their unborn babies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [34205/26]

\*1047. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on agency staffing across the public health service in 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by Health Region and staff category; and the proportion of this spend directly attributable to vacancies as distinct from absence or activity demand. — Ken O’Flynn. [34208/26]

\*1048. To ask the Minister for Health the vacancy rate, expressed as a percentage, across the public health service by staff category and Health Region as of the most recent reporting period; and the methodology used to calculate same. — Ken O’Flynn. [34209/26]

\*1049. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent posts currently recorded as “regional commissioning in progress” across each Health Region; the timeline for the allocation of these posts; and whether any of these posts relate to existing vacancies rather than new service developments. — Ken O’Flynn. [34210/26]

\*1050. To ask the Minister for Health to examine a report that explores how Ireland can transform its public health system by shifting power closer to communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34215/26]

\*1051. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the recent nationwide survey carried out by an organisation (details supplied), and the recommendations based on the findings; the actions that will be initiated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34216/26]

\*1052. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2778 of 14 April 2026 (details supplied), if she will confirm the length of time these vacancies have existed; if they will be filled in a temporary capacity pending permanent appointments; her views that there will be additional vacancies due to sick leave and maternity leave, and that the HSE has a 9.57% absence rate for staff who work in patient and client care positions; her views on whether patients are receiving the best care and service, with this level of vacancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34226/26]

\*1053. To ask the Minister for Health when the recommendations of a report (details supplied) will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34232/26]

\*1054. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are available for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34238/26]

\*1055. To ask the Minister for Health to give consideration to providing free vaccines for an older person on a pension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34244/26]

\*1056. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently improve CCTV/security at Cork University Hospital so as to ensure that vehicles belonging to members of staff and indeed the public are not vandalised, tires slashed and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34252/26]

\*1057. To ask the Minister for Health further to a number of previous requests, to give a public apology to the hundreds of families that have been affected by the CAMHS Scandal in county Kerry, both north and south (details supplied). — Michael Cahill. [34260/26]

\*1058. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an ambulance base in Killorglin as a matter of priority as this will significantly improve response times along with improving admission times for patients to University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34270/26]

\*1059. To ask the Minister for Health whether Cork hospitals utilised surge capacity to date in 2026; and if so, which hospitals; when it was used; and whether additional security was deployed or requested. — Thomas Gould. [34285/26]

\*1060. To ask the Minister for Health if she has engaged with the Taoiseach following his meeting with healthcare unions and workers regarding long Covid; to confirm that the application of the Critical Illness Protocol will be reviewed, following a commitment given at that meeting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [34286/26]

\*1061. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene to expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) in County Cork who is suffering from a significant arthritic condition. — Eoghan Kenny. [34287/26]

\*1062. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm if the infant RSV immunisation programme will continue for the coming year following a HIQA assessment on cost effectiveness; the additional factors, including indirect health system costs, winter capacity pressures, and equity of access, being considered by her Department and the HSE in any decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [34293/26]

\*1063. To ask the Minister for Health when urgently required approved home support in December 2025 will commence for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [34306/26]

\*1064. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that have been taken by the HSE and National Ambulance Service following recent media reports concerning allegations of sexual assault involving a serving member of the National Ambulance Service; the safeguarding procedures currently in place where serious allegations are made against staff members; the supports available to employees who report misconduct or harassment; the measures being taken to address concerns regarding workplace culture within the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34307/26]

\*1065. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently intervene for the allocated care to be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34316/26]

\*1066. To ask the Minister for Health if she will comment on an issue raised by a constituent in Kildare South regarding radiation treatment (details supplied). — Mark Wall. [34327/26]

\*1067. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who is waiting on a hip replacement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34364/26]

\*1068. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure a treatment and procedure plan is urgently put in place for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [34382/26]

\*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any mechanism in place within her Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; her views on the merits of such a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34425/26]

- \*1070. To ask the Minister for Health whether a cumulative or population-level public health risk assessment has been conducted in respect of repeated manganese exceedances in drinking water in Cork city since 2024; and if not, whether such an assessment will now be undertaken. — Ken O’Flynn. [34482/26]
- \*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recorded manganese exceedances in Cork city drinking water since 2024, including duration, concentration levels, and estimated population exposure in each case. — Ken O’Flynn. [34483/26]
- \*1072. To ask the Minister for Health whether any specific risk assessment has been undertaken in respect of infants, bottle-fed babies, and young children in areas affected by manganese exceedances. — Ken O’Flynn. [34484/26]
- \*1073. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify which body holds primary responsibility for public health protection where repeated exceedances of drinking water contaminants occur; and the way in which accountability is coordinated between the HSE, Uisce Éireann, and the Environmental Protection Agency. — Ken O’Flynn. [34485/26]
- \*1074. To ask the Minister for Health whether the current reliance on World Health Organization guidance in respect of manganese exposure has been independently reviewed or adapted for Irish population conditions. — Ken O’Flynn. [34486/26]
- \*1075. To ask the Minister for Health the reason focal therapy treatment has not been accepted as a treatment for prostate cancer. — Paul Donnelly. [34493/26]
- \*1076. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of the physician associate role will be published; the reasons for the repeated delays to its publication since the original due date of 31 October 2025; the current status of the HSE embargo affecting the recruitment of physician associates; the expected timeline for lifting this embargo; and the steps her Department and the HSE will take to provide clarity to students, graduates, and working physician associates regarding regulation, employment pathways, and integration into the health service. — Shay Brennan. [34496/26]
- \*1077. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether a lease has been signed by the HSE for the Mayfield Ballyvollane Primary Care Centre with the developer of the facility in view of the urgent need for this facility due to the large housing developments in construction in the area and the fact that planning permission was granted for the facility in December 2025; if a lease has not yet been signed, is there an agreed timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34501/26]
- \*1078. To ask the Minister for Health when she expects to make a determination on the future of the RSV immunisation programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [34503/26]
- \*1079. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will establish a centralised reporting mechanism within the HSE to record all cases in which healthcare professionals are subject to criminal investigation for serious offences, including sexual offences; and if she will outline a timeline for its implementation. — Ken O’Flynn. [34527/26]

\*1080. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has sought the outstanding data from the remaining HSE regions in respect of cases involving criminal investigation of healthcare staff since 2015; and when a complete national figure will be available. — Ken O’Flynn. [34528/26]

\*1081. To ask the Minister for Health whether formal national criteria exist governing the suspension or reassignment of healthcare professionals subject to criminal investigation for serious offences; and if she will publish those criteria. — Ken O’Flynn. [34529/26]

\*1082. To ask the Minister for Health what national oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure consistent application of precautionary measures across all HSE regions where healthcare staff are under criminal investigation. — Ken O’Flynn. [34530/26]

\*1083. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated average cost to the State of an outpatient appointment that is classified as “did not attend”; the total estimated annual financial impact of such missed appointments in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34531/26]

\*1084. To ask the Minister for Health what assessment her Department or the HSE has undertaken of the impact of outpatient “did not attend” appointments on waiting list volumes and waiting times; and if she will provide any reports, modelling or analysis in this regard. — Ken O’Flynn. [34532/26]

\*1085. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of outpatient appointments classified as “did not attend” that are subsequently rebooked; the average time delay introduced to a patient’s care pathway as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ken O’Flynn. [34533/26]

\*1086. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national policy, framework or target exists in relation to reducing outpatient “did not attend” rates; if so, to outline same; and if not, whether such a policy is under consideration. — Ken O’Flynn. [34534/26]

\*1087. To ask the Minister for Health the measures currently in place to reduce outpatient “did not attend” rates, including SMS reminders, phone confirmation systems, digital check-in, or overbooking policies; and the evidence base or evaluation of their effectiveness. — Ken O’Flynn. [34535/26]

\*1088. To ask the Minister for Health why outpatient “did not attend” data is not routinely reported on a weekly basis or at individual hospital level, as opposed to aggregated monthly regional reporting; and whether more granular reporting exists within the HSE but is not published. — Ken O’Flynn. [34536/26]

\*1089. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE has undertaken any benchmarking of outpatient “did not attend” rates against comparable EU or OECD health systems; and if so, to provide details of such comparisons. — Ken O’Flynn. [34537/26]

\*1090. To ask the Minister for Health what governance, oversight or accountability structures are in place within the HSE to monitor outpatient “did not attend” rates; including whether these are reported to senior management, the Department, or the HSE Board. — Ken O’Flynn. [34538/26]

- \*1091. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money that has been used to fund My Options, in the categories of staff salaries, advertising, and other costs in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of staff (full-time equivalent) employed by the HSE MyOptions service, by year and by category, as qualified nurses, qualified counsellors, and other staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34539/26]
- \*1092. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money that has been used to fund the supply of mifepristone and misoprostol for abortions in each year from 2019 to date in 2026, by year and by setting (GP or hospital settings); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34540/26]
- \*1093. To ask the Minister for Health the number of schools registered with the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA); if written communication has been sent to every Board of Management; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34552/26]
- \*1094. To ask the Minister for Health the number of childcare facilities registered with the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA); if written communication has been sent to each facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34553/26]
- \*1095. To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment steps that have been taken to fill outstanding posts in the Public Health Nurse section in the CHO6 area year-on-year since 2020; the number of persons that have been interviewed, accepted offers and taken up posts; the number that remain unfilled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [34554/26]
- \*1096. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns regarding the reported withdrawal or scaling back of the RSV immunisation programme for infants; whether any decision has been taken in this regard; the basis for any such decision, including any assessment undertaken by the Health Information and Quality Authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34556/26]
- \*1097. To ask the Minister for Health whether the broader clinical, public health and hospital capacity impacts of RSV infection in infants have been fully considered in any review of the RSV immunisation programme; the measures that are currently in place or planned to protect vulnerable infants from RSV; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34557/26]
- \*1098. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of infants diagnosed with RSV, the number of related GP presentations, emergency department presentations, hospital admissions, intensive care admissions, the associated mortality data, reported through appropriate national or HSE data systems, in each of the years from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34558/26]
- \*1099. To ask the Minister for Health why dyslexic assessment of children in Ireland is solely carried out by educational psychologists, when current wait for a dyslexic assessment is reported to be around eighteen months, Dublin College University has a course to train teachers to assess dyslexia, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's 2025 'Diaspora Strategy' aimed to promote opportunities by the next generation of the Diaspora to work and study in Ireland and to address barriers facing emigrants who are returning home (details supplied); if this can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [34559/26]

- \*1100. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are being put in place to protect vulnerable populations for heat related health risks resulting from heatwaves and climate change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34571/26]
- \*1101. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on purchasing new resources and/or equipment for the National Neurosurgical Centre at Beaumont Hospital in the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34577/26]
- \*1102. To ask the Minister for Health the last date an external in-person fire safety audit was carried out at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown; and when is the next external in-person fire safety audit scheduled to take place. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34578/26]
- \*1103. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE qualified intensive care nurses posts filled at CHI Temple Street as of 5 May 2026, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34579/26]
- \*1104. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year costs to increase the number of Crisis Resolution Teams within the HSE to 10. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34580/26]
- \*1105. To ask the Minister for Health whether the pre-termination counselling protocols mandated under the 2018 Act require the provision of evidence-based information on foetal development at each stage of gestation up to 12 weeks, the physical and psychological risks of the procedure, and details of non-directive support services including adoption and financial assistance for continuing the pregnancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34614/26]
- \*1106. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who have had two or more terminations of pregnancy notified under the 2018 Act since 1 January 2019, by year and by whether the repeat procedure occurred within 12 months of the previous one; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34615/26]
- \*1107. To ask the Minister for Health the number of terminations carried out after 12 weeks’ gestation on the ground that there is a condition likely to lead to the death of the foetus before or within 28-days of birth in each year since 2019, by specific condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34616/26]
- \*1108. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who received a termination of pregnancy under the 2018 Act and who were subsequently referred for dedicated post-termination mental health or counselling support through the HSE in each year since 2019; the uptake rate of such referrals; and whether any follow-up audit has been conducted on long-term outcomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34617/26]
- \*1109. To ask the Minister for Health the total Exchequer funding allocated specifically to the provision of termination of pregnancy services (broken down between community/GP settings and hospital settings) in each year since 2019 to date; and to compare this with the annual funding provided to crisis pregnancy support agencies and adoption services in the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34618/26]
- \*1110. To ask the Minister for Health whether any audits or compliance checks have been carried out on the accuracy and completeness of notifications submitted under section 20 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; the findings of any such audits; and

the number of instances, if any, where sanctions were applied for non-compliance. — Carol Nolan. [34619/26]

\*1111. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the HSE or HSE-funded clinics have engaged in the advertising or promotion of termination of pregnancy services since 2019, including details of any public campaigns, their cost, targeting methods and content; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34620/26]

\*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment, if any, that has been made of the impact of the rollout of termination of pregnancy services on the capacity, staffing levels and reported morale within maternity and obstetric units in public hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34621/26]

\*1113. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation status of any recommendations from the independent review of the 2018 Act that specifically relate to strengthening safeguards for women, improving data collection on repeat procedures or coercion, or enhancing non-directive counselling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34622/26]

\*1114. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service (NAS) has failed to implement the recommendations of the 2020 independent Roles and Responsibilities Review, which proposed enhanced salary scales to reflect the increased clinical workload and responsibilities of paramedics; if she will acknowledge that this failure is the primary driver of the stoppages planned for May 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34640/26]

\*1115. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that staff representatives assert the core paramedic salary scales have not been updated to reflect the evolution of the profession in 18 years, despite the role moving to a degree-level clinical grade; the reason her Department has not finalised the proposed 3% to 14% pay modernisation increases that were brokered to address this anomaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34641/26]

\*1116. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service is estimated to be short by 2,000 to 2,500 paramedics of its own 2026 workforce target; her views on whether the current uncompetitive pay structure is preventing the recruitment and retention needed to hit these targets; if she will provide a value-for-money justification for the record €27.4 billion health budget when frontline service delivery in Clare is compromised by a staffing crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34642/26]

\*1117. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE and NAS management have insisted that pay modernisation increases be phased in over a multi-year period while demanding immediate productivity changes, a position which led to a 69% rejection of the latest pay deal by NAS members in February 2026; the immediate steps she is taking to prevent further strikes scheduled for June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34644/26]

\*1118. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of whole-time equivalent (WTE) paramedics and advanced paramedics currently employed by the National Ambulance Service (NAS), of that total, the number that are currently assigned to non-operational roles, such as management, administration, clinical auditing, or office-based training positions, and are therefore not available for frontline emergency dispatch; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34645/26]

\*1119. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify if the “record recruitment” figures frequently cited by her Department include paramedics who have been seconded to office-based or headquarters roles; if she will provide a separate breakdown of the number of paramedics available for active rostered shifts in County Clare for each month in 2025 and 2026 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34646/26]

\*1120. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there has been a reported increase in the number of ‘clinical support officer’ and administrative positions within the NAS while frontline stations like Kiltrush continue to report dropped shifts due to a lack of available paramedics; if she will commit to a “frontline-first” policy to ensure that qualified staff are not being diverted from ambulances to offices during a staffing crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34647/26]

\*1121. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of management and supervisory roles within the National Ambulance Service created since 2020; the number of these roles filled by qualified paramedics who previously worked on the frontline; if an assessment has been made on the impact this ‘internal brain drain’ is having on ambulance response times in rural areas like West Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34648/26]

\*1122. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancy rate for frontline rostered positions in County Clare; the number of times in 2026 that an ambulance crew had to be split or a vehicle taken “off-road” because staff were diverted to attend mandatory administrative meetings or office-based training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [34649/26]

\*1123. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a comprehensive list of all non-statutory bodies receiving direct or indirect funding from her Department or the HSE in each of the years 2020 to 2026, including the amount allocated to each body. — Ken O’Flynn. [34650/26]

\*1124. To ask the Minister for Health whether bodies funded under service level agreements, Section 38 arrangements, Section 39 arrangements, or grant-based programme allocations are classified as non-statutory bodies for governance and reporting purposes. — Ken O’Flynn. [34651/26]

\*1125. To ask the Minister for Health whether a formal classification framework exists to distinguish statutory, non-statutory, and intermediary-funded bodies, and if so, to provide a copy of this framework. — Ken O’Flynn. [34652/26]

\*1126. To ask the Minister for Health whether any internal audit or external review has examined funding flows to non-statutory bodies, including those funded indirectly, since 2020. — Ken O’Flynn. [34653/26]

\*1127. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether any independent review, audit, or evaluation of ambulance dispatch practices has been conducted by the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council, the HSE, HIQA, or any external body since 2020, and if so, to provide details. — Ken O’Flynn. [34655/26]

\*1128. To ask the Minister for Health whether the absence of a defined national dispatch-time standard has been formally recorded on any risk register within the HSE or Department of Health, and if so, to provide details of that risk classification. — Ken O’Flynn. [34656/26]

- \*1129. To ask the Minister for Health which body holds ultimate responsibility for setting national dispatch-time standards in Ireland. — Ken O’Flynn. [34657/26]
- \*1130. To ask the Minister for Health whether the existing Priority Dispatch Standard includes defined maximum time thresholds for call handling and resource allocation, and if not, whether this absence has been reviewed. — Ken O’Flynn. [34658/26]
- \*1131. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to pass all stages of the Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025 before the summer recess; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34665/26]
- \*1132. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether it is acceptable that health insurance providers are entitled to penalise insured persons if they choose to upgrade their policies by creating an interim period whereby cover is not provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34669/26]
- \*1133. To ask the Minister for Health if she will take steps to ensure that health insurance providers are not allowed to penalise customers who are already in receipt of health insurance cover, for upgrading their policies by creating an interim period whereby cover is not provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34670/26]
- \*1134. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm whether it is the case that health insurance providers are entitled to penalise customers that have existing health insurance policies for upgrading to a higher level of cover by creating an interim period whereby cover is not provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34671/26]
- \*1135. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with private health insurance companies to ensure that their customers are treated fairly and within the parameters of their insurance agreements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34672/26]
- \*1136. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will commit to creating a social support group (details supplied) that will help deal with the serious issue of isolation particularly in vulnerable groups who are often isolated at home and are disconnected from the wider community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [34705/26]
- \*1137. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34735/26]
- \*1138. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); to clarify the criteria for urgent discharge from outpatient psychiatric services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [34751/26]
- \*1139. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider as a matter of policy providing an annual free allowance of compression sleeves to patients being treated for lymphoedema within the public health system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [34758/26]

\*1140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents in designated centres for older persons who were issued with a discharge notice, notice to terminate their contract of care, or any equivalent notice requiring them to leave the nursing home in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; broken down by HSE health region, county, public, private and voluntary provider type, and whether the resident was supported under the nursing homes support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34759/26]

\*1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of discharge notices, notices to terminate contracts of care, or equivalent notices issued to nursing home residents in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 which were subsequently withdrawn; the reasons recorded for withdrawal; whether the withdrawal followed intervention by the HSE, HIQA, safeguarding services, an advocate, a family member or another body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34760/26]

\*1142. To ask the Minister for Health the recorded outcomes for nursing home residents who were issued with a discharge notice or equivalent notice in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, including the number who transferred to another nursing home, were admitted to hospital, returned home with supports, remained in the same nursing home, died before transfer, or had another outcome; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34761/26]

\*1143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home residents who were admitted to an emergency department within seven, 14 and 30 days of being issued with a discharge notice, notice to terminate their contract of care, or equivalent notice in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of such admissions that were due to an acute medical event, a fall, behavioural or psychological distress, absence of an alternative placement, or other recorded reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34762/26]

\*1144. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE, HIQA, the National Treatment Purchase Fund or her Department collects data linking nursing home discharge notices with subsequent emergency department attendance, hospital admission, delayed discharge, safeguarding referral or transfer to another nursing home; if not, the reason this data is not collected; whether she accepts that this is a significant gap in oversight; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34763/26]

\*1145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents of nursing homes admitted to emergency departments in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of such admissions by HSE health region, hospital group and age cohort; the primary recorded reasons for admission, including falls, infection, deterioration in physical health, mental health or behavioural distress, medication-related incidents, safeguarding concerns, or other causes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34764/26]

\*1146. To ask the Minister for Health whether any data is collected on cases in which a nursing home resident, family member, advocate or representative made a complaint or raised concerns about care and was subsequently issued with a discharge notice, notice to terminate a contract of care, or equivalent notice within 90-days; if so, the number of such cases in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34765/26]

\*1147. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals or contacts made to HSE safeguarding teams in respect of nursing homes in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of such referrals which related to discharge notices, threatened discharge, or

concerns about the manner in which a transfer or discharge was being managed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34766/26]

\*1148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns, unsolicited information reports, complaints or notifications received by HIQA in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, relating to nursing home discharge notices, threatened discharge, termination of contracts of care, or pressure on residents or families to leave a nursing home; the number of such cases that resulted in inspection, regulatory action, compliance notice, condition of registration or other enforcement action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34767/26]

\*1149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes found by HIQA in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, to be non-compliant with regulations or standards relating to temporary absence or discharge of residents, contracts for the provision of services, residents' rights, complaints procedures, safeguarding, or governance and management; the number of such findings that related directly or indirectly to discharge notices or threatened discharge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34768/26]

\*1150. To ask the Minister for Health whether nursing home residents and families have access to any independent review, appeal or adjudication mechanism when a nursing home issues a discharge notice or seeks to terminate a contract of care; if not, whether she accepts that this places residents and families in a vulnerable position; whether she intends to legislate for such a mechanism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34769/26]

\*1151. To ask the Minister for Health the obligation that exists on nursing homes, the HSE or any other body to ensure that a resident has access to independent advocacy when a discharge notice or notice to terminate a contract of care is issued; whether this differs between private, voluntary and public nursing homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34770/26]

\*1152. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 on which a nursing home sought additional funding, staffing support, clinical support, specialist input or other resources because a resident's care needs had increased; the body to which such requests were made; the number approved, refused or still pending; the average time to decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34771/26]

\*1153. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home residents in in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 whose care needs were deemed by a nursing home to have exceeded the capacity of that nursing home to provide safe care; the number of such cases that resulted in a discharge notice, hospital admission, transfer to another nursing home or referral to the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34772/26]

\*1154. To ask the Minister for Health the specialist supports that are available to nursing homes when a resident's care needs increase, including access to geriatric medicine, psychiatry of later life, palliative care, dementia-specific supports, behavioural support, tissue viability nursing, dietetics, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and social work; whether access to these supports is recorded nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34773/26]

\*1155. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department is considering reforms to the nursing homes support scheme or National Treatment Purchase Fund pricing model so that funding more closely follows the assessed needs of the resident rather than being based primarily

on a negotiated facility rate; the current status of any such proposals; the expected timeline for reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34774/26]

\*1156. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the Review of Pricing System for Long Term Residential Care Facilities; the recommendations that have been implemented to date; the recommendations outstanding; whether any further legislative change is required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34775/26]

\*1157. To ask the Minister for Health the minimum notice period that must be provided to a nursing home resident where a provider seeks to terminate a contract of care or require the resident to leave; whether this notice period differs between public, private and voluntary nursing homes; whether any exceptions apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34776/26]

\*1158. To ask the Minister for Health whether a nursing home is required to identify and secure a safe and appropriate alternative placement before issuing or acting on a discharge notice; the role the HSE has in ensuring that no resident is discharged into an unsafe or unsuitable setting. — Liam Quaide. [34777/26]

\*1159. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department receives any regular reporting from the HSE, HIQA or the National Treatment Purchase Fund on the number of nursing home discharge notices issued, withdrawn or acted upon; if not, whether she intends to require such reporting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34778/26]

\*1160. To ask the Minister for Health the number of discharge notices, notices to terminate contracts of care, or equivalent notices issued to residents supported under the nursing homes support scheme compared with residents paying privately in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34779/26]

\*1161. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will commission a review of the issuing of discharge notices and termination of contracts of care in nursing homes, including the extent to which such notices follow complaints by families, increased care needs, safeguarding concerns, funding disputes, staffing limitations or inability to access specialist supports; whether such a review will examine the balance of power between providers, residents and families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [34780/26]

\*1162. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently examine a matter and assist a family (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34783/26]

\*1163. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the progress on the commitment to fund mental health supports across all Integrated Care Programme for Older People teams, as per the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [34822/26]

\*1164. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person considered to be a nurse specialist in Northern Ireland with ten years' experience in Scotland and Northern Ireland is not considered to be a nurse specialist in alcohol and drugs addiction services in the Republic of Ireland, unless they are qualified to a level 9 / postgraduate / master's level (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34835/26]

- \*1165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people admitted to hospital who experienced a delay in being discharged home or into care elsewhere in 2026 to the end of March; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34884/26]
- \*1166. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the commitment to explore the establishment of a national safeguarding body to ensure the health, safety and welfare of vulnerable adults, as per the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O’Shea. [34885/26]
- \*1167. To ask the Minister for Health if she will include asthma in the long-term illness scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [34887/26]
- \*1168. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Consultant Anaesthesia with a special interest in Intensive Care Medicine posts filled at Kerry University Hospital as of 5 May 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34906/26]
- \*1169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Psychologists by grade posts filled within Kerry Primary Care Services as of 5 May 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34907/26]
- \*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Registrar in Neurosurgery posts filled at Cork University Hospital as of 5 May 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34908/26]
- \*1171. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year costs to provide two additional pathfinder teams within the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34909/26]
- \*1172. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment. — Tony McCormack. [34924/26]
- \*1173. To ask the Minister for Health when the external review that was supposed to be completed in August 2025 will be given to a family (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [34925/26]
- \*1174. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for speech and language therapy with the Health Service Executive. — Tony McCormack. [34927/26]
- \*1175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the waiting list in Cork for residential service with learning disabilities or other disabilities who have parents or carers over the age of 60. — Thomas Gould. [34933/26]
- \*1176. To ask the Minister for Health whether a tender for the Buncrana Community Hospital project was ever issued; if so, when; whether a contractor was appointed; if not, the reason public representatives were informed that works would commence in Q1 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [34936/26]
- \*1177. To ask the Minister for Health the specific issues that led to the Buncrana Community Hospital project reverting to pre-tender stage; the reason these issues were not identified earlier,

prior to residents being relocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [34947/26]

\*1178. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which residents from Buncrana Community Hospital were moved out in May 2025 if the project was not ready to proceed; the assessment that was carried out regarding the impact of relocation on residents and families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [34948/26]

\*1179. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the Buncrana Community Hospital project in terms of approvals and procurement; whether a clear and guaranteed timeline now be provided for tender issue, contractor appointment and construction commencement and completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [34949/26]

\*1180. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the communication failures and misinformation provided to public representatives and families regarding Buncrana Community Hospital; the steps being taken to ensure this does not happen again; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [34950/26]

\*1181. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being put in place to support families impacted by displacement from Buncrana Community Hospital, such as transport supports, or increased visiting access; the efforts being made to address the reduction in bed capacity and respite services in the interim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Ward. [34951/26]

\*1182. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that there are no plans to cancel the RSV immunisation programme for infants in Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34952/26]

\*1183. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 275 of 16 April 2026, if she will provide the number of patients, not the percentage, in Mayo University Hospital waiting more than eight, 12 and 24 hours in the emergency department. — Paul Lawless. [34969/26]

\*1184. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients admitted or discharged to or from Mayo University Hospital's emergency department in the month of February 2026. — Paul Lawless. [34970/26]

\*1185. To ask the Minister for Health the contingency plans in place in the event that nursing home operators (details supplied) withdraw from, or cease operations, at their Irish nursing home facilities; the statutory framework exists for the transfer of residents in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Callaghan. [34971/26]

\*1186. To ask the Minister for Health further to her announcement on 5 February 2026 of Government approval of a national electronic health record (EHR) system, whether her Department has undertaken a formal review of comparable large-scale programmes in other jurisdictions, including Northern Ireland, Denmark, Switzerland and Norway where significant cost increases and timeline extensions have been reported; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [34972/26]

\*1187. To ask the Minister for Health further to her announcement on 5 February 2026 of Government approval of a national electronic health record system, the safeguards that are being built into procurement contracts to protect the Exchequer from unforeseen implementation costs,

change-control inflation, vendor dependency or prolonged transition periods; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [34973/26]

\*1188. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35019/26]

\*1189. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) is waiting on an MRI; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35033/26]

\*1190. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's plans for the former dispensary building in Ballynoe, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [35036/26]

\*1191. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the approval of the drug ryeqo which is used in other jurisdictions in the treatment of endometriosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [35037/26]

\*1192. To ask the Minister for Health the reason (details supplied) is waiting on speech and language therapy in Cavan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [35038/26]

\*1193. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether it is acceptable that a patient with a history of osteoporosis is faced with a wait of over a year for a publicly funded DEXA scan while being offered immediate access on payment of €100; whether this practice undermines the principle of care being provided on the basis of medical need rather than ability to pay; and the action she will take to ensure that patients are not placed in this position. — Paul Lawless. [35040/26]

\*1194. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied) through the National Treatment Purchase Fund. — Robert Troy. [35043/26]

\*1195. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the level of funding which is currently in place for the National Treatment Purchase Fund in comparison with each of the years 2024 and 2025; the number of surgeries which have been funded through the NTPF year to date; and to confirm if funding is currently available through the NTPF for knee replacement surgery. — Robert Troy. [35044/26]

\*1196. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a State-issued medical exemption for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [35045/26]

\*1197. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to her Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within her Department; and if she will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35083/26]

\*1198. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid to agencies for the supply of healthcare assistants to all hospitals in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [35131/26]

\*1199. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid to agencies for the supply of nurses to all hospitals in the State in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — George Lawlor. [35132/26]

\*1200. To ask the Minister for Health if she will include the Varicella-Zoster (shingles) inoculation jab on the drug payments scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [35145/26]

\*1201. To ask the Minister for Health if she is considering an expert psychiatric service to be available on 24-hour basis to individuals who may require it, rather than a service only provided through accident and emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [35156/26]

\*1202. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to support engagement between service providers and service users and their families to enhance the delivery of targeted supports to service users and provide a more impactful service overall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [35157/26]

\*1203. To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to consider the provision of mental health service access for people aged 65 years and older acknowledging that needs extend beyond just dementia care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [35158/26]

\*1204. To ask the Minister for Health the supports currently available from her Department and the HSE to organisations that raise public awareness of serious illnesses, including meningitis, and that provide information and support including aftercare services to individuals and families affected by such illnesses; whether any recurring or sustainable funding pathways are available to such organisations where existing funding streams have closed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [35159/26]

\*1205. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide details on the number of pharmacy graduates registered with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland in each of the past five years; if she will outline what analysis, if any, has been undertaken by her Department on the capacity of the Irish healthcare system to absorb the growing number of pharmacy graduates entering the workforce each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [35170/26]

\*1206. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide details on the number of pharmacy technicians who have completed accredited training programmes in Ireland in each of the past three years; if her Department has assessed demand for pharmacy technician employment across community and hospital pharmacy settings in Ireland, particularly in light of the graduation of approximately 170 pharmacy technicians at the IPU Professional Academy in April 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [35172/26]

\*1207. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the policy framework governing hospital pharmacy workforce planning in Ireland; if her Department has assessed current and projected demand for clinical pharmacists across acute hospital settings, including Cork

University Hospital, which serves as a Level 3 paediatric cardiology centre for the Munster region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35175/26]

\*1208. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a breakdown by county of the number of pharmacies currently participating in the Common Conditions Service; if she will specifically outline the uptake rate in County Cork; the steps that are being taken to maximise participation among pharmacies that have not yet joined the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35176/26]

\*1209. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has reviewed the findings of previous annual medicine shortages surveys conducted by the Irish Pharmacy Union in collaboration with University College Cork; the specific measures have been taken to address medicine shortages that have been identified as placing additional workload on community pharmacists; if she will outline whether a national medicines shortage response plan is being developed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35177/26]

\*1210. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the timeline for the introduction of legislation to enable pharmacists to prescribe contraception under the free contraception scheme, given that the Heads of this Bill were approved in March 2026 and identified as priority legislation in the Government Summer 2026 Legislative Programme; what consultations have taken place with community pharmacists regarding the design of this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35178/26]

\*1211. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the projected number of pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine administrations expected to be delivered through community pharmacy in 2026 under the new publicly funded service introduced under the Community Pharmacy Agreement 2025; the monitoring arrangements that are in place to evaluate uptake among eligible GMS cardholders over 65 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35179/26]

\*1212. To ask the Minister for Health in light of the recent HIQA recommendation to extend BowelScreen eligibility to those aged 50 to 54, the specific role community pharmacists are envisaged to play in supporting awareness, registration, and patient navigation within the expanded programme; the timeline for formalising this pharmacy involvement as committed to under the Community Pharmacy Agreement 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35180/26]

\*1213. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the timeline for pharmacy software vendors to implement the system changes required before community pharmacies can avail of the new electronic record keeping provisions signed into law by her Department in April 2026, effective from 30 June 2026; whether her Department is actively engaging with vendors to prevent a gap between legislative enactment and practical implementation for community pharmacy teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35181/26]

\*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding claimed through the new Pharmacy Training Grant portal since it went live in March 2026; the number of pharmacy contractors who have submitted claims to date; whether her Department has assessed if the current grant levels are sufficient to meet the professional development needs of pharmacists, particularly in rural communities across Cork and the wider Munster region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35182/26]

\*1215. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline what steps her Department is taking to address the fact that brexpiprazole and lurasidone, two antipsychotic medicines now recommended as first-line treatment options for females with first-episode psychosis in the first international clinical guideline of its kind published in March 2026, are currently licensed in Ireland but not reimbursable under community drugs schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [35183/26]

\*1216. To ask the Minister for Health the structured role community pharmacies are envisaged to play in the promotion of organ donation awareness throughout the year, given that the clinical lead of Organ Donation Transplant Ireland (details supplied), has specifically identified Ireland’s network of over 1,800 community pharmacies as a significantly underutilised asset in embedding organ donation awareness into everyday Irish life; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [35184/26]

\*1217. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a supplement (details supplied) has not been made available under the drugs payment scheme; the actions necessary for this supplement to be made eligible for reimbursement under the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [35192/26]

\*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the date at which the final evaluation of the 18-month pilot phase of the supervised injecting facility in Dublin will commence; the timeline being worked towards in completing that final evaluation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [35194/26]

\*1219. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on efforts to resolve the access road issue identified at St. Stephen’s Hospital, the proposed site of the elective hospital for Cork; if an agreeable route for a new access road has been identified and agreed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [35195/26]

\*1220. To ask the Minister for Health if a site has been chosen for a new Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in the West North West Region; the date at which this service is expected to be operational; the proposed crewing arrangements at this new site; the services that will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [35196/26]

\*1221. To ask the Minister for Health with respect to the proposed new Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in the West North West Region, if pilots and engineers have already been hired; if so, if these are internal or external appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Rice. [35197/26]

\*1222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric cardiologist registrars based at CHI Crumlin as of 6 May 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35208/26]

\*1223. To ask the Minister for Health the bilateral meetings she has had with her EU counterparts in the past six months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35209/26]

\*1224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant respiratory medicine that are currently only treating and dealing with public patients at Tallaght University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [35210/26]

- \*1225. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on home support waiting lists at end of March 2026; to provide a progress update on the development of the statutory home support scheme; to provide an update on the Sláintecare 2025+ commitment to finalise design and operational aspects of the operating model for home support services by the end of the year, in order to ensure readiness to comply with new regulatory requirements; to provide figures of the proportion of home support hours delivered by directly employed HSE staff versus private providers in 2026 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [35221/26]
- \*1226. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the commitment in Sláintecare 2025+ to conduct an exercise to map Meals on Wheels and day centre provision against population, by year end, including development of a strategic approach to address identified gaps in provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [35222/26]
- \*1227. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which implementation of the new AI in healthcare strategy, ‘AI for Care – The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy for Healthcare in Ireland’ will be monitored, evaluated and reported on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [35223/26]
- \*1228. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of dentists participating in the dental treatment services scheme in Offaly as of May 2026; the number of dentists who have joined the scheme in Offaly in each of the years 2024, 2025, and year to date 2026, the number of dentists who have exited the scheme during the same periods; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35262/26]
- \*1229. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the number of dentists participating in the dental treatment services scheme in Offaly for each year from 2019 to 2025 inclusive and year to date 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35263/26]
- \*1230. To ask the Minister for Health what assessment has been made of the impact of dentist participation rates in the dental treatment services scheme on medical card holders’ access to dental services in Offaly, including average waiting times for appointments and reported difficulties in securing treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35264/26]
- \*1231. To ask the Minister for Health the specific measures being undertaken by her Department and the Health Service Executive to encourage greater participation in the dental treatment services scheme in Offaly and nationally; the effectiveness of these measures to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35265/26]
- \*1232. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is any further avenue available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35266/26]
- \*1233. To ask the Minister for Health when the post of grade V senior registrar/marriage solemniser will be filled for the Tullamore Civil Registration Office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35279/26]

\*1234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of marriages registered with the Tullamore Civil Registration Office in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35280/26]

\*1235. To ask the Minister for Health the number of civil marriage ceremonies performed by the Registrar/Marriage Solemniser attached to the Tullamore Civil Registration office in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35281/26]

\*1236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of attempted bookings for the marriage registration service in Tullamore which were unable to be accommodated since January 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35282/26]

\*1237. To ask the Minister for Health to provide clarification in relation to the recent reported pause on HSE recruitment (details supplied), in particular the way in which it will apply to the Dublin Midlands region and County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35283/26]

\*1238. To ask the Minister for Health the average daily cost of running an inpatient bed in an acute hospital; and the average daily cost of running a community bed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [35299/26]

\*1239. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 338 of 11 February 2026, to provide the breakdown across all hospitals for subcategories of patient transport such as private taxi, minibus, private ambulance, local transport initiatives and all forms of patient transport. — David Cullinane. [35305/26]

\*1240. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is concerned about the promotion and sale of obesity medicines to under-18s for cosmetic weight-loss purposes by black-market actors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [35309/26]

\*1241. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Crumlin/CHI are not taking GP referrals for dermatology services for children outside of Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [35325/26]

\*1242. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that the views outlined by an association (details supplied) will be adequately provided for in the next National Drugs Strategy; taking into account that similar views and requests have been expressed by other organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [35326/26]

\*1243. 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 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [35327/26]

\*1244. To ask the Minister for Health the level of agency spending per model four hospital in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marie Sherlock. [35330/26]

\*1245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of management staff recruited or redeployed as part of the HSE health region/integrated healthcare area restructuring, broken down by health region and integrated healthcare area; whether each post is a new post, redeployment or re-titled

existing post; the grade and salary scale attached to each post; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [35332/26]

\*1246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional clinical staff recruited in each health region and integrated healthcare area in 2025 and 2026 so far, broken down by discipline, grade and service area, in tabular form. — Liam Quaide. [35333/26]

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

\*1247. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a case related to the provision of school for a child (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure that this child is provided with the necessary school supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34688/26]

\*1248. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the training model where nearly 50% of dental places at UCC and Trinity are sold to non-EU students for over €60,000 per year; to provide an update on the proposed Dental Outreach Centre for north Cork; and to confirm the funding for this project (details supplied). — Ken O'Flynn. [34977/26]

\*1249. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to review the SUSI threshold disregard for students working as the recent increase from €8,424 to €8,830 is not adequate. — Danny Healy-Rae. [35186/26]

\*1250. 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 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. [33974/26]

\*1251. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for assistance with a DARE scheme application (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33986/26]

\*1252. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the minimum wage for apprenticeships; whether he will increase the minimum wage for apprentices to encourage participation in light of the rising cost-of-living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [34006/26]

\*1253. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34061/26]

\*1254. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34091/26]

\*1255. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the ALL Oversight Group and National Literacy Coalition will be meeting again; and the plan for restructuring same. — Jen Cummins. [34099/26]

\*1256. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the ALL Strategy mid-term review; and the consultation that is planned. — Jen Cummins. [34100/26]

\*1257. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to increase the number of craft apprenticeship meetings from six per year held; to issue the national craft certificates to ensure much needed recently qualified tradespeople can receive their certification without unnecessary delay allowing them to get started working after years of hard work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34109/26]

\*1258. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to assist the Ukrainian community across the county with educational opportunities, (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34168/26]

\*1259. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to prioritise and accelerate the delivery of purpose built student accommodation in Kerry, Cork and Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34255/26]

\*1260. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to establish a Funding Programme to activate derelict sites identified in Local Authority registers for student accommodation development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34257/26]

\*1261. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to engage with the Minister for Transport and improve transport links from rural areas to higher education campuses by identifying and addressing transport gaps where no viable public routes exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34258/26]

\*1262. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to engage with the Minister for Transport and coordinate public transport scheduling with higher education timetables to ensure reliable access to campuses, including increased services during peak time hours and the provision of late evening services to support student participation, retention and engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34259/26]

\*1263. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the policy rationale for excluding certain QQI validated undergraduate programmes delivered by private higher education institutions from eligibility under the free fees initiative and from SUSI grant support; whether he is aware that the BA (Hons) in Psychology at Carlow College is currently the only undergraduate programme at that institution not approved for State funding despite its QQI validation; whether this policy position has been reviewed in light of the objectives of the National Access Plan for Higher Education 2022-2028, particularly commitments to reducing financial barriers, supporting regional and place based access, and

widening participation among socio economically disadvantaged and non traditional learners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghail. [34262/26]

\*1264. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34424/26]

\*1265. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware that there is no bereavement leave as part of Research Ireland's post-graduate scholarships and that bereaved researchers must take unpaid leave; and if he will direct Research Ireland to put in place bereavement leave as part of the scholarship contract. — Seán Crowe. [34707/26]

\*1266. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34738/26]

\*1267. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the Department last published an annual NTF evaluation report including counterfactual modelling of programme impacts, as recommended in the Indecon Review and repeatedly called for by an organisation (details supplied) since 2022; the reason no such report has appeared since 2019; and the date on which the next report will be published. — Carol Nolan. [34740/26]

\*1268. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of times the NTF Advisory Group has met since July 2022; the number of employer representatives who attended each meeting; and the specific recommendations from an organisation (details supplied) on enhancing enterprise input into governance and prioritisation of NTF expenditure that have been implemented to date. — Carol Nolan. [34741/26]

\*1269. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether the National Training Fund has been leveraged to implement a dedicated Lifelong Learning Strategy to prepare workers for the digital and green twin transition, as recommended by an organisation (details supplied) in 2022; the total NTF expenditure on digital skills, green skills and lifelong learning programmes in 2024 and 2025; and his plans to address Ireland's below-EU-average lifelong learning participation rate. — Carol Nolan. [34742/26]

\*1270. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will introduce a national training voucher scheme, as proposed by an organisation (details supplied) in 2022 and supported by the Indecon Review, to reimburse employers (particularly SMEs) for accredited in-company training; and if not, why the €283 million unspent in the NTF in 2025 has not been used for this purpose. — Carol Nolan. [34743/26]

\*1271. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will introduce the time-limited National Training Fund rebate recommended by an organisation (details supplied) in 2022 to support businesses facing rising labour costs from auto-enrolment, living wage and pension changes; and whether he accepts that continued accumulation of surpluses while employers pay the full 1% levy constitutes an unfair burden on rural and domestic SMEs. — Carol Nolan. [34744/26]

\*1272. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the additional funding allocated to employer-led Skillnet networks and Regional Skills Fora Managers since 2022 to boost SME engagement and regional capacity, as called for by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will provide a regional breakdown showing expenditure in rural and agri-food areas. — Carol Nolan. [34745/26]

\*1273. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether all NTF-funded programmes now meet the core statutory objectives of close-to-labour-market skills, upskilling those in employment and preparing people for employment, as insisted upon by an organisation (details supplied); the amount of NTF money reallocated to non-employer-aligned programmes (including PLCs) since 2022; and his plans to discontinue or refund such programmes from the Exchequer. — Carol Nolan. [34746/26]

\*1274. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he accepts the conclusion in the report of an organisation (details supplied) of July 2022 that the accumulation of NTF surpluses is not caused by EU fiscal rules but is instead a political choice on expenditure prioritisation; whether he will now increase the Department's expenditure ceiling to utilise the existing surplus and the further €283 million that remained unspent in 2025; and the timeline for delivering real skills investment rather than allowing employer contributions to continue accumulating unused. — Carol Nolan. [34747/26]

\*1275. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total funding allocated from the National Training Fund to Farm Business Skillnet and other agriculture-focused Skillnet networks in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number of farm businesses and participants supported by Farm Business Skillnet in those years; and whether he will now increase core funding to this employer-led network in light of the €283 million surplus that remained unspent in the National Training Fund in 2025. — Carol Nolan. [34748/26]

\*1276. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he accepts that practical, sector-specific training delivered through Farm Business Skillnet in areas such as farm management, sustainability, leadership and rural skills is exactly the type of close-to-labour-market investment that an organisation (details supplied) called for in its 2022 report on the Future of the National Training Fund; and if he will outline his plans to significantly expand support for this network and other rural Skillnet programmes rather than allowing employer-levied contributions to continue accumulating unused. — Carol Nolan. [34749/26]

\*1277. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the roll that the Grangegorman Development Agency will undertake in developing capital projects in the Further Education Sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34839/26]

\*1278. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding or grant supports that are available to students from Ireland who are travelling to the United Kingdom to study musical theatre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [34840/26]

\*1279. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered excluding students' own income from summer employment/weekend work as part of the means test for SUSI grants; if he will examine the cost of removing it to better support families who have to pay fees in full, without support, due to the part-time work of the applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34930/26]

\*1280. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35026/26]

\*1281. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35082/26]

\*1282. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline what additional pharmacy training places are expected to be made available at University College Cork as part of the Government's €28.5 million investment in healthcare education announced as part of recent Dáil debates on cancer services; if he will provide a breakdown of how the 1,100 additional healthcare training places are distributed across disciplines and institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35171/26]

\*1283. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps being taken to ensure that the new pharmacy programme established at South East Technological University is supported by adequate clinical placement infrastructure across all regions, including Munster; whether the model of collaboration formalised through the recent Memorandum of Understanding between SETU and University Hospital Waterford is being considered as a template for similar arrangements with Cork University Hospital and other regional teaching hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35173/26]

\*1284. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department provides any financial support or incentives to encourage practising pharmacists to undertake postgraduate clinical pharmacy qualifications such as the part-time MSc in Clinical Pharmacy offered by University College Cork; if he will outline whether places on such programmes are supported through any State funding mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [35174/26]

\*1285. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students in receipt of the SUSI grant for 2025/2026 and each level thereof, such as partial fees, full fees, fees plus maintenance and so on; the percentage that this represents of the overall full time undergraduate student population; the additional numbers who benefitted from changes made for this academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [35313/26]

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

\*1286. 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 Kildare in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [35017/26]

\*1287. 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 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. [33966/26]

\*1288. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to introduce a budget that will allow a local improvement scheme roads (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [34023/26]

\*1289. 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 Fingal in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [34056/26]

\*1290. 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 Longford in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Micheál Carrigy. [34086/26]

\*1291. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the position regarding any mechanism in place within his Department that allows for civil servants to transfer on secondment to an equivalent role within the European Union, without negatively impacting their pension and other employment rights; his views on the merits of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [34429/26]

\*1292. 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 Cork North-West in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [34731/26]

\*1293. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the basis on which the current levy arising from public expenditure overruns is being calculated and applied to his Department's Vote; whether any categories of expenditure, including pay, pensions or staffing-related costs, are exempt from the levy within his Department; and if he will provide a breakdown of the areas against which the levy is being applied. — Eoghan Kenny. [35087/26]

\*1294. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the plans to provide funding to ensure that rural communities have access to venues for local social and cultural events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Clendennen. [35277/26]