



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of a new UN report on the environmental impact of AI (details supplied), which cites Ireland as a ‘cautionary example’; if he has plans to implement a grid prioritisation framework, as outlined in the EU Commissions Guidance on Efficient and Timely Grid Connections in December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44295/26]

2. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he intends to introduce the Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve Bill 2025 to the Dáil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44871/26]

3. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of recent reports which confirm that Ireland has the highest electricity prices in the EU (details supplied); the measures he is taking to reduce prices; if he will reintroduce electricity credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44296/26]

4. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his response to findings in a recent report by Friends of the Earth that data centre energy demand added a cumulative €715 million to household electricity bills between 2015 and 2023 and could add a further €1.6 billion over the next decade; his response to a recent report (details supplied) on data centres commissioned by the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, and whether he accepts its claims regarding employment numbers and economic value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44852/26]

5. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views that the measures that the Government have taken will not be sufficient to reduce emissions to satisfy both our national and EU climate targets (details supplied); the measures he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44297/26]

6. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the additional measures under consideration to bring Ireland back on track to meet its carbon budgets and legally binding 2030 emissions reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [44390/26]

**CEISTEANNA EILE  
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

7. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the work of the National Energy Affordability Taskforce; when the action plan will be produced; the way in which timelines on implementation will be managed so as to assist households and business in advance of winter 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Kyne. [44562/26]

8. 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. [44544/26]

9. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any Departmental review of the deposit return scheme; the mechanisms in place to measure the success of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [43426/26]

10. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the supports his Department provides to help businesses reduce energy use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [30056/26]

11. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the energy usage of data centres in Dublin; the way in which this is affecting energy prices for consumers; the number of new data centres to open over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44479/26]

12. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to outline if his Department has undertaken an impact assessment that the current high cost of electricity will have on Government’s own electrification and decarbonisation targets; the measures that are in place to ensure that the cost of necessary grid infrastructure investment does not fall disproportionately on domestic consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [44140/26]

13. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update off-shore wind projects; the amount of off-shore wind that is expected to be connected by 2030, 2032 and 2035; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [43821/26]

14. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures he is taking to help the SME sector cope with increased energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Fearghaíl. [30046/26]

15. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the cause, and the perpetrator, of the large fish kill in Blackwater, north Cork in 2025 has been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Natasha Newsome Drennan. [29366/26]

16. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there are alternative plans for energy security given the planned closure of Moneypoint in 2029; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [44559/26]

17. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the consideration his Department has given, within its renewable energy policy framework, to the cumulative impact of large-scale windfarm developments in areas such as Galway East; the way in which community impact is being addressed as part of the transition to renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [44339/26]

18. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current average waiting times for applicants to the SEAI warmer homes scheme at each stage of the process, including assessment, survey and completion of works; the number of households currently waiting more than 12 months and more than 24 months respectively; the measures being taken to reduce these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [41546/26]

19. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the action that will be taken against those responsible for killing over 20,000 fish in the River Glyde; the action he will take to prevent fish kills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44549/26]

20. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to a recent United Nations University report which references Ireland as a cautionary example of local grid stress from concentrated digital infrastructure due to the proliferation of data centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44343/26]

21. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm his engagements with the European Commission to recognise Ireland as part of the EU interconnected gas grid to enable imports of sustainable renewable gases with third countries including the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44566/26]

22. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if consideration will be given to providing free solar panels to households in receipt of fuel allowance, to support them with their energy bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [31310/26]

23. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has plans to work with the ESB to ensure Pay As You Go electricity customers are on the lowest possible electricity tariffs. — Louise O’Reilly. [31211/26]

24. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which revenue raised through the Market Cap Fund will be allocated; the reasons for the significant underspends under Vote 29 in the 2024 Appropriation Account; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [44487/26]

25. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider including solar panels and solar energy generation as part of the measures available under the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44485/26]

26. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the national just transition strategy; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44294/26]

27. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the proposed Private Wires Bill 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [44077/26]

28. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if energy credits will be considered in the upcoming budget; his plans to assist the public to combat energy price increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44480/26]

29. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has carried out a detailed assessment of the potential extra demand of electricity required by data centres over the next decade; the additional percentage cost this could put on household bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [44126/26]

30. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the development of the next national food waste prevention roadmap; the way in which the revised Waste Framework Directive is informing the identification of key actions for the 2026-2028 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [44475/26]

31. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to the cap on market revenues and the climate action fund, the reasons the Government has failed to spend this revenue; the way in which this revenue will be spent to reduce emissions and electricity prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44290/26]

32. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm whether eligibility for grants for insulation will be expanded under the SEAI programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44541/26]

33. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has carried out an impact study on the effects of the large energy demand of data centres; the way this may be increasing costs to households; the findings of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [44125/26]

34. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress to date on delivering grid reinforcement and storage capacity to support the increased integration of renewable energy; if he is satisfied that current timelines are sufficient to meet Ireland's 2030 emissions reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [42814/26]

35. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to reintroduce energy credits and immediately reform Ireland's energy market to bring electricity prices down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [39765/26]

36. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the estimated number of households currently experiencing fuel and energy poverty; and the steps he will take to help those most vulnerable to the fuel and energy crisis. — Conor D. McGuinness. [31308/26]

37. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department provided a submission or input to the review of exempted developments planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [44078/26]

38. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps being taken to ensure that retail electricity prices are brought to a level that makes electrification a genuinely affordable proposition for ordinary households, given the Government's ambition to accelerate the electrification of Irish homes through heat pumps, electric vehicles, and other demand-side measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [44139/26]

39. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding the review and update of the Wind Energy Development Guidelines; the input his Department has provided to that process; the way in which the revised guidelines will support Ireland's energy security objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [44539/26]

40. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on the timeline for auctions for both on and offshore energy; the measures he will take to ensure these deadlines are kept; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44292/26]

41. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the use of Ireland as a cautionary tale of data centre growth in a recent UN report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44546/26]

42. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether he acknowledges the impact that prolonged delays in the warmer homes scheme are having on older persons, low-income families and vulnerable households living in energy poverty; whether additional funding, staffing or contractor capacity will be provided to accelerate delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [41547/26]

43. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the new actions that will be included in future climate action plans to reduce agricultural emissions given they are likely to reduce by only 4% by 2030 with existing measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44547/26]

44. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number and total value of drawdowns under the home energy upgrade loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [44498/26]

45. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if Ireland is on course to meet off-shore wind energy targets by 2030; if he will outline the consequences if these targets are not reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44470/26]

46. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being taken to address the high cost of energy for households and small businesses, particularly in rural areas; if he will consider further targeted supports in the upcoming budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul O'Shea. [42815/26]

47. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department has put in place to ensure that Ireland is utilising wind energy grid infrastructure that we have put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [44558/26]

48. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department is taking to address persistently high electricity prices for households and small

businesses, particularly in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Albert Dolan. [44340/26]

49. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department is taking to improve energy affordability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [43466/26]

50. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on any long-term assessment work being undertaken in relation to nuclear technologies as part of wider energy security planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [44476/26]

51. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 103 of 16 April 2026, to outline any further progress made in the drafting of the Private Wires Bill 2025; when he expects the bill to be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [44518/26]

52. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the legislative or regulatory steps the Government plans to take to enable community energy sharing models, whereby locally generated renewable electricity can be shared directly between producers and consumers through the distribution network, similar to the model operating in Austria where over thousands of energy communities are now in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44471/26]

53. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps his Department is taking, including engagement with relevant standards bodies and stakeholders, to facilitate any necessary amendments to the National Rules for Electrical Installations (I.S. 10101) that would permit the safe installation of plug-in solar systems in homes and apartments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44472/26]

54. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he plans to reduce waiting times for the solar PV scheme for medically vulnerable customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [43467/26]

55. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current status of offshore wind energy on the west coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [44557/26]

56. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on progress in developing district heating here; if there are any live projects under consideration; his expectations for the future of this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Kyne. [44563/26]

57. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether consideration will be given to expanding the eligibility for SEAI warmer homes scheme to all those over 70 years-of-age that own and live in their own home and whose home was built and occupied before 2006, regardless of if they are in receipt of a qualifying payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44540/26]

58. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is considering further investment in renationalisation of key sectors such as energy to reduce household costs and reliance on private profit-driven companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27665/26]

59. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being taken to tackle illegal dumping and fly-tipping in rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [44289/26]

60. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any further initiatives proposed by his Department to increase the support for offshore wind infrastructure in coastal communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [43425/26]

61. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the plans he has or is making to phase out fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44550/26]

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

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

62. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport in view of Ministers' comments that they will not attend the Ireland v Israel Nations League fixtures, if he will call for a boycott of these fixtures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [43392/26]

63. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has engaged with other relevant departments to close the governance gap which exists regarding Codes of Practice for Live Events; whether his Department is in favour of codes of practice for live events falling under a single department or body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [44878/26]

64. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt cén plean atá ag a Roinn agus ag na hInstitiúidí Náisiúnta Cultúir chun comóradh agus ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar 100 bliain ó tugadh aitheantas oifigiúil don Ghaeltacht den chéad uair. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43393/26]

65. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if consideration has been given to the establishment of an independent governance authority for local sports and athletics clubs to oversee committee conduct, ensure compliance with governance standards, provide independent dispute resolution mechanisms, and support transparency and accountability in club administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert O'Donoghue. [43961/26]

66. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to report on his engagements with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the upcoming Nations' League fixtures with Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44836/26]

67. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied) and other relevant agencies in relation to safety and security arrangements for the upcoming Ireland v Israel match in Dublin; whether he is satisfied that all necessary measures are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [44321/26]

### CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

68. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he can provide an update on the American’s Presidents Trail as we approach America 250; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [44534/26]

69. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the basic income for the arts scheme, the number of applicants by county in tabular form; the timeline for approvals and to outline if each county will be given an equitable allocation of recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [44127/26]

70. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures he is taking to support grassroots sports clubs in North Dublin that are experiencing increased demand due to population growth; whether he is satisfied that existing funding programmes are sufficient to meet infrastructure needs including pitches, clubhouses, changing facilities, lighting and accessibility improvements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44489/26]

71. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update in relation to the efforts being made to curb harmful social media content in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44456/26]

72. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider amending the Sport Ireland Act 2015 and expand the definition of competitive sport and recreational sport to include “all forms of sporting activity which through organised participation, aim at expressing or improving performance and at obtaining improved results in competition at all levels through organised participation” and “all forms of sporting activity which through casual or regular participation aim at expressing or improving mental well-being, self-esteem and at forming social relationships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [43446/26]

73. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the total amount of funding allocated to the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) to date; to provide a breakdown of funding awarded to each individual project, the amounts that have been drawn down or are in the process of being drawn down; the details of projects that have yet to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [44338/26]

74. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department is addressing the challenges facing local radio given increasing costs in broadcast levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [44556/26]

75. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on TV licence sales for each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [43818/26]

76. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the government supports for clubs in a league (details supplied); to outline how they can access this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44464/26]

77. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to urgently address the mobile phone blackspots across County Kerry. — Michael Cahill. [44571/26]

78. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the successor scheme to the basic income for the arts will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44454/26]

79. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider measures to strengthen the sustainability of local and regional media outlets serving rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [44114/26]

80. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on creating a minimum standard of customer service that all broadband and phone providers have to adhere to; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [43423/26]

81. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement his Department has had with an organisation following a report (details supplied); the measures which are being taken to support clubs in rural areas experiencing population decline and challenges in sustaining participation, as well as clubs in rapidly growing urban areas where demand for playing facilities is exceeding existing capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Roche. [44537/26]

82. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if An Post, in the past twelve months, has sought approval from him to dispose of any land, buildings or other material assets owned by An Post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [44552/26]

83. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline his most recent engagements with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [43469/26]

84. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of funding allocated by his Department to arts organisations and cultural venues in Mayo over the past three years, by amount given and group/organisation, in tabular form; the further supports planned for rural arts development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [44113/26]

85. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which grassroots clubs that do not own their own land or are in a long-term lease can access sports capital grants to become established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44463/26]

86. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will develop and publish a long-term, cross-sectoral strategy to address gender inequality across the cultural, communications and sporting sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Grace Boland. [43694/26]

87. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of funding earmarked for the development of grassroots football academies and player development; if he will commit to fully funding the budget request this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [43447/26]

88. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update in relation to the provision of funding for the next round of the LSIF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44455/26]

89. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether the application process under the Community Sports Facilities Fund (CSFF) will be simplified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44613/26]

90. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department has engaged with relevant bodies under his aegis over the financial implications of the cancellation of the Ireland Israel fixtures or refusal to broadcast them should they go ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [44494/26]

91. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the expected timeline for the opening of the next Community Sports Facilities Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44522/26]

92. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport given the new era of long-term remote working and the need for ever increasing broadband speeds, if he will commit to delivering minimum standard speeds of 500Mbps-1Gbps in all areas of the State and provide a definitive timeline for this delivery, as some areas are currently stuck in broadband limbo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joanna Byrne. [43442/26]

93. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department will commit to a multi-annual funding model for regional and local arts centres to ensure their continued development and growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sinéad Gibney. [44492/26]

94. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is aware of the campaign to return the Mount Keefe Chalice currently held at London's Victoria and Albert Museum to Cork; if he will make representations to support its return; if he has received, or when he expects to receive, the final report of the Advisory Committee on the Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43461/26]

95. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will work alongside Kildare County Council to deliver a swimming pool for north Kildare now that the next stage of the project is underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [44555/26]

96. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if research has been done or is planned on the promotion of the huge influence of Irish monks in Europe in the early medieval period and their huge role in spreading Christianity education and literacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Edward Timmins. [44535/26]

97. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the Community Sports Facilities Fund (CSFF) will become open for applications; whether the cap on local grants will

be increased from €200,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44612/26]

98. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on when he expects the latest round of Community Sport Facilities Fund (CSFF) and the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF) to open for applications. — Paul McAuliffe. [44495/26]

99. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme will open for applications; the level of funding that will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [44286/26]

100. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the key discussions at the recent EU Sports Council meeting on sports tourism; to detail the updates provided in relation to AgoraEU and the EU Work Plan for Culture 2027-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [44217/26]

101. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he is satisfied that Ireland has adequate provision of public swimming pool facilities compared to other European countries; whether his Department has undertaken any assessment of access to public swimming pools on a regional or population basis; his plans to increase the availability of public swimming pool facilities, particularly in areas experiencing significant population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44488/26]

102. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures he is taking to address the role of online platforms in facilitating the circulation of misinformation; the steps being taken to strengthen oversight, accountability and public protection in the circulation of misinformation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44569/26]

103. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants for the new basic income for the arts scheme will be informed that they are selected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [44508/26]

104. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on plans to provide capital funding to amateur drama and musical societies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ryan O'Meara. [44459/26]

105. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if, in view of applications for the successor scheme to the basic income for the arts pilot greatly exceeding the number of places available on the scheme, if consideration is being given to expanding the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44453/26]

106. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to initiate a formal process to have the Galway Hooker boat recognised under Ireland's framework for intangible cultural heritage in line with UNESCO's Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Kyne. [44553/26]

107. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will direct the national cultural institutions not to facilitate events, exhibitions or performances which celebrate, or involve representatives of states accused of genocide and war crimes such as Israel, or who are involved with the military actions of such states. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43462/26]

108. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the benefits of the new national Cell Broadcast Public Warning System; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [44507/26]

109. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider increasing the level of grant aid in the next Community Sports Facilities Fund taking into account the substantial increase in construction costs since the last round of grants were approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44523/26]

110. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he expects to open up the Community Sport Facilities Fund for new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44457/26]

111. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he plans to introduce a new grant scheme for local authorities to fund the development of swimming pools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [43468/26]

112. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the forthcoming round of the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme, including the anticipated budget allocation; the administrative resources within his Department dedicated to the scheme; the types of projects he intends to prioritise under the next round of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44337/26]

113. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt cén leasú teicniúil atá molta aige ar an mBille Craolacháin (Leasú) 2026, de réir an fhreagra a thug sé don Chomhchoiste um Ealaíona, na Meáin, Cumarsáid, Cultúr agus Spórt an 13 Feabhra 2026 ar mholadh 14 den Ghrinnscrúdú Réamhrechtach, chun smacht neamhspleách eagarthóireachta TG4 ar a sheirbhís nuachta a éascú, agus cén plan atá aige chun an smacht sin a thabhairt do TG4. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43463/26]

114. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of applications that were received for the basic income for the arts; and when recipients will be informed and begin to receive payment if they are successful. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43460/26]

115. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if two deployment areas under NBI will be ready to connect in 2026 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44568/26]

116. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which he plans to address poor mobile phone signal in parts of County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44458/26]

117. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he is aware of changes to a summer sports programmes coach revenue assessments (details supplied); and the impact this is having on camps in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [43415/26]

118. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the current status of any application submitted in support of the Grand Départ of the Tour de France being considered for Counties Clare, Limerick and Galway, and the wider Wild Atlantic Way corridor; if any engagement has taken place with cycling and tourism bodies on the subject; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Cooney. [44128/26]

119. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the way in which the recommendations of the Youth Forum on Online Safety are expected to inform future Departmental policy development and regulatory practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [44216/26]

120. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide funding towards the proposed major development of a stadium (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44570/26]

121. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has conducted any analysis of the consolidation of media in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [43819/26]

122. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the engagement his Department has had regarding mobile phone blackspots including the R336 Coast Road, Connemara, where coverage is very poor in Indreabhán and in An Spidéal areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Kyne. [44554/26]

123. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the rollout of the basic income for the arts scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Tony McCormack. [44287/26]

124. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the merits of increasing targeted support for independent Irish language productions for both television and online streaming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [43424/26]

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

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

\*125. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to take into consideration the mitigating circumstances and expedite a passport application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44788/26]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if specific measures are in place for Irish citizens living in Kenya to evacuate in circumstances where there is a large scale ebola quarantine facility very close by to where they are living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44705/26]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions she is taking to highlight the cases of political prisoners in Belarus. — Malcolm Byrne. [44778/26]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding Montenegro's accession to the European Union; how Ireland is supporting that accession; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [44779/26]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding Ukraine's accession to the European Union; how Ireland is supporting that accession; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [44780/26]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will support Taiwan's accession to the World Health Organisation, even as an observer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [44781/26]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the status of foreign birth registration applications for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [44843/26]

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

\*132. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any Department review of the Antarctic Treaty (Accession and Implementation) Bill 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44755/26]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the merits of progressing the aims within the Antarctic Treaty (Accession and Implementation) Bill 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44756/26]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any review of Ireland's position in relation to the Antarctic Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44757/26]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if any consideration is being given to signing the Antarctic Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44758/26]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding any discussions at an EU level into the merits of signing the Antarctic Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44759/26]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the Strategic Gas Emergency Reserve Bill 2025 will be introduced to the Dáil at first stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44872/26]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to approve and progress a proposal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [31441/26]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps his Department are taking to ensure that Ireland plays its part in strengthening European energy security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [38391/26]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will outline the importance of protecting our energy infrastructure, as defined in the National Strategy on the Resilience of Critical Entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [33262/26]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will outline the way in which his Department aims to strengthen Irish influence across climate policies within the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [38786/26]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether consideration has been given to the introduction of financing supports aimed at encouraging investment in renewable energy technologies and residential energy efficiency upgrades, including apartment-based solar generation technologies such as plug in balcony solar systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [39892/26]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he expects to publish the Climate Action Plan 2026; the reasons for the continued delay in its publication; the implications of this delay for Ireland's ability to meet its legally binding carbon budgets and sectoral emissions ceilings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44687/26]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the assessment his Department has made on the impact of projected growth in data centre electricity demand on Ireland's climate targets and security of supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44688/26]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the progress that has been made in addressing the planning, grid and delivery bottlenecks identified in the Offshore Wind Energy Programme Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44689/26]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in light of recent international energy market volatility and supply disruptions, the additional measures he is taking to reduce Ireland's dependence on imported fossil fuels and accelerate the deployment of indigenous renewable generation capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44691/26]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is aware of the implications of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44738/26]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to examine a proposal in relation to increasing solar power generation capacity (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44810/26]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the decision of the Government to co-host the Second Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels jointly with Tuvalu; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44816/26]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has carried out analysis regarding the total water and energy used by data centres as a percentage of total data and potable water consumed in the State; if any analysis is carried out on peak energy and water usage, particularly in hot summer periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44886/26]

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

\*151. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on his recent meeting with the Garda Commissioner on road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44753/26]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if a matter in relation to the new EV scrappage scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44807/26]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a progress report in relation to rolling out a scheme of EV charging points at GAA grounds in County Kerry and throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44832/26]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to increase the number of EV charging points throughout the country and in Cavan Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44545/26]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority has carried out an assessment of the impact that significant residential development in the Donaghmede, Clongriffin and Belmayne areas has had on demand for public transport services; whether additional bus capacity, increased service frequencies or new routes are planned for these communities in light of continued population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44684/26]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the analysis used to determine the recently announced new price threshold for the SEAI electric vehicle purchase grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [44712/26]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to providing a Local Link or similar rural transport service to connect residents in Bahola, Swinford and Foxford with essential services such as schools, churches, community centres and local towns, particularly for older people and those without access to private transport; and if funding or pilot schemes are being considered to address this gap in public transport provision. — Paul Lawless. [44723/26]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus service will stop at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44726/26]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a request for additional bus stop on existing route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [44729/26]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department is considering the introduction of a mandatory helmet requirement for users of electric scooters; whether any assessment has been carried out regarding the potential road safety benefits of such a measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44733/26]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the NTA's plans to reroute the 24-bus route onto Beneavin Road; and if a timeline will be provided. — Paul McAuliffe. [44743/26]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if further changes are planned for the F spine routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44744/26]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Transport if individuals on disability allowance will be considered for enhanced supports for the EV scrappage pilot scheme; the supports available for people on disability allowance to assist in the purchasing of electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44745/26]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Transport if the EV scrappage pilot scheme will include the purchase of second-hand electric vehicles; the Government schemes in place to assist with the purchase of second hand electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44746/26]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures his Department have put in place to ensure that there is reliability and transparency on public transport bus routes such as the X27 and 120; the implications there are on the NTA when bus routes do not run correctly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Neville. [44769/26]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to extend platforms at railway stations along the Dublin to Rosslare line, in order to accommodate longer trains to reduce overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [44773/26]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide for rolling stock on the Dublin to Rosslare rail line to have doors that do not open where trains are longer than platforms at the stations. — Malcolm Byrne. [44774/26]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to proposals to amend a bus route (details supplied) in a manner that would bypass Castledermot County Kildare; if he will engage with the National Transport Authority and the operator to ensure that adequate morning and evening services are maintained for commuters who rely on this route for access to employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Ó Feargháil. [44786/26]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport to introduce a financial incentive for rural commuters to switch to public transport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44793/26]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider using the means available within his Department to commence a direct bus service between Galway city and Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44797/26]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport to engage with all major energy suppliers as a matter of urgency to insist on a cap on energy prices (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44806/26]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for a solution for electric vehicle drivers or potential drivers who want to home charge, but who live in properties fronting onto public footpaths (details supplied). — Séamus McGrath. [44824/26]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the longstanding CIÉ pensions issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44842/26]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost for the first and full year of installing a camera at a traffic light for the purpose of detection of a road traffic offence at a signalised junction, broken down by cap ex and op ex. — Pa Daly. [44856/26]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost of the planning of the original route of the Lucan Luas; the estimated cost of the anticipated emerging preferred route that will be that will be identified in Q3 of 2026; the total cost of this project to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44880/26]

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

\*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of people who applied and qualified for a tax incentive of €400 on the income generated from selling electricity back to the electricity grid under the Clean Export Guarantee in 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [44713/26]

\*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to increase the tax incentive for persons who generate electricity in their own homes and sell it back to clean energy under the Clean Export Guarantee System, to the grid at €2,000 per annum given infrastructure is already in place and can lead to energy on the national grid from renewable sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [44734/26]

\*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an update for farmers operating on land zoned for residential use in relation to the residential zoned land tax; the analysis which has been conducted since the Finance Bill 2025; and his plans to bring forward a permanent solution. — Pearse Doherty. [44751/26]

\*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of rental properties that have availed of the tax incentive for small-scale landlords who undertake retrofitting works in respect of 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44831/26]

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

\*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 212 of 15 May 2025, if he will provide a progress update on issues addressed in his reply regarding the Clonmacnoise monastic site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44719/26]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the continued basis for pension abatement for public servants with pension entitlements who have been re-employed in alternative roles within the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44798/26]

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

\*182. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has undertaken an assessment of Ireland's capacity to develop domestic manufacturing in

clean technology sectors, including renewable energy technologies, battery storage, energy innovation and circular economy products; the opportunities and barriers identified through such assessments; the measures being taken to support growth in these sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44704/26]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider opening a trade office in Taipei, Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [44782/26]

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

\*184. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the age of eligibility for a pension (details supplied); the person's entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [44694/26]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has had engagement with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage regarding collocating a youth centre with a new library building at Mahon, Cork city. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44707/26]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she will take to address serious financial problems facing a cohort of students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [44752/26]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a special class will be approved for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [44639/26]

\*188. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cén slat tomhais atá nó a bhéas á úsáid chun éileamh do Ghaelcholáistí nua a mheas, an é líon na nGaelscoileanna nó na bpáistí scoile ag teacht astu a bheadh ceangailte leis, nó an leanfar ag tabhairt neamhaird ar chearta daoine óga leanúint lena gcuid oideachais tré Ghaeilge ag leibhéal na meánscolaíochta tar éis dóibh freastail ar Ghaelscoil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44666/26]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department assesses the impact of large scale residential developments on future demand for school places and childcare provision; the projected requirement for additional primary and post primary school places in the Donaghmede, Clongriffin and Belmayne areas over the next ten years; the plans in place to expand educational infrastructure in these communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44683/26]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the age of eligibility for a pension for a person (details supplied); what they are entitled to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [44696/26]

\*191. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige ar lorg sí nó na hAirí roimpi comhairle ón Ard-Aighne maidir leis an dlisteanacht a bhaineann le cearta oideachais tré Ghaeilge a shéanadh do pháistí scoile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44739/26]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if additional special classes will be sanctioned for the next school year; the status of an application by a school (details supplied) to establish a special class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O'Hara. [44740/26]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria for the allocation of the special education teacher allowance; if her Department is considering an extension of this allowance to other special school staff such as special needs assistants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel McCarthy. [44754/26]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to report on the loss of a teacher at a school (details provided) which will result in four classes being amalgamated into three; their view regarding the suitability of a September cutoff date for enrolment figures regarding teacher numbers for the following academic year which disregard any subsequent enrolments; if she is concerned that the resulting classes will be of 29 and 30 students and in direct contradiction of the Programme for Government commitment to reduce class sizes to 19:1; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [44762/26]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps she will take to legislate against certain aspects of school admission polices (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruth Coppinger. [44771/26]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if further consideration has been given to expanding the pilot school transport scheme to include a bus from Ferns to Bunclody, County Wexford; if it could be considered for the 2026-2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [44775/26]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide details of class sizes across County Kerry; the steps she will take to reduce further class sizes in Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44795/26]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of retired staff with pension entitlement within her Department who have seen their pension subjected to pension abatement following re-entering employment in the public sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44799/26]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status of the proposed school building project for a school (details supplied); the stage the project has reached within her Department's planning process; when a decision is expected regarding progression to Stage 2B; if funding will be provided under the National Development Plan to allow the project to proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44808/26]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of an appeal by a school (details supplied) regarding the failure to grant DEIS PLUS status; when the appeal will have a decision made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44814/26]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) has never been granted an English as an additional language teaching post as of right, given the significant need in the area; the reason the school has to appeal each year in order to be granted some hours, with the ensuing increase in paper work for the school management team; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O'Gorman. [44815/26]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will request the State Examinations Commission to review ‘Culture War’ language as used in the applied Leaving Certificate Social Education examination, which normalises terminology that many view as divisive, unnecessary, and as an affront to the rights and dignity of biological women; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fionntán Ó Súilleabháin. [44827/26]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an application regarding a project at a school (details supplied) under the additional school accommodation scheme, given the school shows a consistent increase in enrolments and a consistent number in their after school facility. — Micheál Carrigy. [44864/26]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding the appeal application for the DEIS+ programme at a school (details supplied). — Micheál Carrigy. [44865/26]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update regarding an appeal application for the DEIS+ programme at a school (details supplied). — Micheál Carrigy. [44866/26]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether temporary supports could be given to a school (details supplied) to support them, as they begin an enrolment recruitment process to be in line with her Department’s criteria. — Micheál Carrigy. [44867/26]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of negotiations with school secretaries following their withholding of services in 2025 and the talks at the Workplace Relations Commission and Labour Court regarding pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Kyne. [44873/26]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total cost to her Department of the remote area boarding grant for island children attending school on the mainland; the number availing of the grant; and the cost per year over the past five years. — Seán Kyne. [44874/26]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will, in the context of Budget 2027 increase the remote area boarding grant for island children attending secondary school on the mainland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Kyne. [44875/26]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the recently sanctioned new special class at a school (details supplied) will be set up; if it will be operational for the 2026/2027 school year. — Ged Nash. [44881/26]

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

\*211. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Culture, Communications and Sport an mbunóidh sé seirbhís náisiúnta raidió Gaeilge don óige mar a mhol an Chomhchoiste um Ealaíona, na Meáin, Cumarsáid, Cultúr agus Spórt i moladh 17 den Ghrinnscrúdú Réamhrechtach ar an mBille Craolacháin (Leasú), 2026. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43464/26]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the implementation of national standards under the EU Gigabit Infrastructure Act. — Malcolm Byrne. [44653/26]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the Copper Network Switch Off Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Byrne. [44654/26]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there are plans to carry out an education and information campaign on the Copper Network Switch Off Plan. — Malcolm Byrne. [44652/26]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the level of financial investment expected to be incurred by his Department to support a sporting event (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aidan Farrelly. [44737/26]

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

\*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on all inputs that his Department made prior to the adoption of regulation EU 2024/900; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Muirí. [45084/26]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing completions in Dublin south-west in each of the past five years and to-date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44650/26]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing completions anticipated in Dublin south-west in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Ahern. [44651/26]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline any plans to make Uisce Éireann more accountable to members of the Oireachtas considering the poor responses received from the dedicated email provided by the utility. — Malcolm Byrne. [44655/26]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to increase apartment building given that commencements collapsed when the 2024 levy waivers ran out. — Jen Cummins. [44661/26]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the rest of the Planning and Development Act 2024 will be fully implemented. — Jen Cummins. [44662/26]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase housing supply to ensure it matches the pace of population growth. — Jen Cummins. [44664/26]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of children currently living in emergency accommodation and family hub accommodation, respectively, in each local authority area; the average length of time children have spent in such accommodation during the past three years; the measures being taken to reduce the time families spend with

children in emergency accommodation, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44686/26]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the voted expenditure allocation for each of the four croí cónaithe city calls; if his Department intends to fund a fifth call; if so, when; and the amount, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44714/26]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a detailed update on the cost rental equity loan pipeline; if he will provide information on the funding approvals to date; and the number of schemes and units each scheme is expected to deliver in 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, by local authority area and AHB approved for each scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44715/26]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the publication of the Child and Family Homelessness Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rory Hearne. [44716/26]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the eligibility criteria for the vacant above-the-shop grant to registered companies; if he acknowledges that the current restriction limiting applications to individual applicants inhibits the uptake of the scheme; his views on whether extending eligibility to corporate owners would rapidly accelerate housing supply in urban centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [44722/26]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which a family can avail of homeless services and supports, including accommodation, in cases in which the family is going to be made homeless and is not on the local authority housing list; if he will outline the process for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [44730/26]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of all inputs that his Department made prior to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2024/900; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [44741/26]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons for the refusal of a Historic Structures Fund 2026 application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter 'Chap' Cleere. [44742/26]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing properties purchased under the affordable purchase scheme, by each local authority in each of the years, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Séamus McGrath. [44825/26]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any cases whereby HAP payments were reinstated or reimbursed to landlords during the Covid-19 moratorium period, where the HAP payments had earlier been suspended due to a tenant not paying their contribution to the local authority, but the landlord was prevented through temporary Covid-19 Government policy from issuing an eviction notice to the tenant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44862/26]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce a statutory instrument requiring developers to provide essential amenities and infrastructure before

new housing developments are occupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paula Butterly. [44868/26]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given to extending the pyrite remediation scheme to recognise estates with known pyrite issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [44869/26]

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

\*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will make provision for inclusion of a deceased person's PPSN, where possible, in a death certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44644/26]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the increase in income disregards carer's allowance as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44675/26]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 1545 of 13 January 2026, the approximate financial cost to the State of removing the means test for carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44676/26]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the merits of allowing for a savings disregard in relation to the means test for carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44677/26]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the removal of the mean's test for carer's allowance as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44678/26]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the adequacy of financial supports available specifically for families with adult children with high support needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44679/26]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he expects increases to the household benefits package, particularly in relation to household utilities in view of increased bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Keira Keogh. [44693/26]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the issue of withholding the recently awarded contributory pension arrears on behalf of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [44718/26]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if he will provide an update on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44732/26]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a community employment scheme participant (details supplied) is entitled to the fuel allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44802/26]

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

\*245. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the basis on which the €300 fee for Irish Residence Permit (IRP) renewals is determined; the total revenue generated from IRP renewal fees annually over the past five years; whether he is considering any reduction or restructuring of these fees, particularly in cases where individuals hold multi-year employment permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44698/26]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on IPAS residents paying rent for their accommodation; when payments are due to start; and the amount involved. — Paul Murphy. [44701/26]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44702/26]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed charge notices, prosecutions and other enforcement actions relating to breaches of the statutory speed limit for electric scooters that have been issued; the mechanisms currently available to An Garda Síochána to detect and enforce speed limit breaches by electric scooter users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44709/26]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if Ukrainian refugees who are currently participating in community employment schemes, TÚS employment schemes or rural social schemes will be eligible to remain in Ireland under the new temporary protection transition scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [44761/26]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the relevant information in relation to asylum seekers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44784/26]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of people arrested during the visits of the British Queen, Barak Obama, Joe Biden, and Volodymyr Zelenskyy. — Peadar Tóibín. [44789/26]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to address the issues raised on the implementation of the EU Migration and Asylum Pact (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44791/26]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of retired staff with pension entitlement within his Department who have seen their pension subjected to pension abatement following re-entering employment in the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44801/26]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a fund is available for community groups to apply for CCTV; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44855/26]

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

\*255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the grants awarded to a society (details supplied) under the equine technical support scheme for 2025. — Paul Murphy. [44748/26]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the outstanding payment for a person (details supplied) under the water EIP scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Brennan. [44763/26]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial or other incentives in place to encourage reforestation of land or setting aside land for biodiversity purposes. — Malcolm Byrne. [44787/26]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on proposals from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44794/26]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised about the welfare of a group of greyhounds (details supplied); if he will provide information on the reason these dogs were removed and then subsequently returned to their owners; if rehoming of these dogs is being considered at this stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44796/26]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to urgently increase the compensation caps, in the interest of fairness, for TB reactors from €3,000 to €5,000 and from €5,000 to €7,000 for pedigree animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44803/26]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle diagnosed with signs of TB for each year from 2015 to the end of May 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44804/26]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to advance the transposition of the EU Soil Monitoring Directive, which was passed in December 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44812/26]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to advance the EU Soil Strategy 2030 during Ireland’s Presidency of the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44813/26]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the implications of Ireland’s climate and land-use targets for 2030 for farmers and landowners who have already established forestry plantations; whether existing forest owners will have an entitlement to carbon credits or carbon-related income streams arising from the sequestration provided by their forests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [44817/26]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether consideration is being given to introducing ongoing support or income mechanisms for owners of non-commercial

forests following the expiry of forestry premium payments; and the proposals under consideration in this regard. — Michael Murphy. [44818/26]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has examined forestry replanting obligations in other EU Member States; which Member States permit alternative land use following harvesting in certain circumstances; and if he will provide a comparative assessment of Ireland's replanting requirements. — Michael Murphy. [44819/26]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures which are being taken to ensure forestry is recognised as an integral component of whole-farm planning under the Common Agricultural Policy and future land-use strategies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [44820/26]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry owners affected by ash dieback who were deemed ineligible for support under the reconstitution of ash dieback scheme, by county; the reasons for such exclusions; whether a review of eligibility criteria is under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Murphy. [44821/26]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the changes to forestry legislation and associated schemes since 2014 which have affected compensation arrangements for forest disease outbreaks and the treatment of forestry within agricultural support systems; and if he will provide details of those changes. — Michael Murphy. [44822/26]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to give favourable consideration to an appeal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44829/26]

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

\*271. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently provide additional respite beds for adults with profound disabilities in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44636/26]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to urgently provide additional respite beds for children with profound disabilities in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44637/26]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to outline plans for the St. Mary of the Angels Campus in Beaufort, County Kerry; to consider this location as a centre of excellence for respite in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44638/26]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken to address delays in accessing Children's Disability Network Team services, particularly occupational therapy supports; whether data is available on waiting times for occupational therapy assessments and interventions within Children's Disability Network Teams; if so, to provide the latest available figures, in tabular form; the reasons for delays being experienced by children with sensory processing needs; the measures in place to ensure equitable access for children whose

needs may not include physical disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44703/26]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in Longford-Westmeath who are currently without an available childcare place; the number of children on waiting lists for crèche, preschool and early years services in each county; the number of childcare places currently available; the number of additional places projected to be delivered over the next five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [44680/26]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the alternative models of funding available for childcare providers/creches that have pulled out of core funding, resulting in significantly increased childcare fees for parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [44681/26]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the alternative models of funding available for childcare providers/creches that have pulled out of core funding, resulting in significantly increased childcare fees for parents and whereby there are no other affordable providers available within a given locality. — Paul McAuliffe. [44682/26]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether an assessment has been carried out of childcare capacity in rapidly growing communities such as Donaghmede, Clongriffin and Belmayne; the current and projected demand for childcare places in these areas; the measures being taken to increase capacity where shortages have been identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Heneghan. [44685/26]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a detailed report on an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44811/26]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers, by those in and outside of core funding for each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [44833/26]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare providers, by those in and outside of core funding, by their service category such as ECCE-only, sessional, part-time and full-time, for each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [44834/26]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of childcare providers, by those in and outside of core funding for each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by local authority area, in tabular form. — Emer Currie. [44835/26]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if after school supports for children with additional needs fall within the remit of her brief; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [44858/26]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*284. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that patients with diabetes in Mayo must travel to Galway for essential treatments including eye injections and laser therapy; the plans in

place to provide these services locally at Mayo University Hospital; and if she will outline the timeline for same. — Paul Lawless. [44618/26]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Health the reason diabetes services, including insulin pump access and specialist supports, are not available in Mayo University Hospital at the same level as in Galway; and the steps being taken to address this regional disparity. — Paul Lawless. [44619/26]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reported staffing shortages impacting diabetes care in Mayo University Hospital, including lack of nursing staff to carry out routine procedures such as blood draws; and the actions being taken to address these deficits. — Paul Lawless. [44620/26]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Health if diabetes services at Mayo University Hospital have been reduced or reconfigured in recent years; and if she will outline the long term plan for diabetes service provision in the Mayo region. — Paul Lawless. [44621/26]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Health the access patients in Mayo have to insulin pump therapy; whether this service can be provided locally and if not, what plans exist to expand access within the region. — Paul Lawless. [44622/26]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Health to review matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Geoghegan. [44624/26]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Health if hospice beds in St. Anne's Hospital, Cahersiveen will be closed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44625/26]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the site for a primary care centre in Cahersiveen, County Kerry; when work will commence on this facility for Cahersiveen, Iveragh and south Kerry; the length of time it will take to complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44626/26]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the site for a new primary care centre in Killarney, County Kerry; when work will commence on this facility for Killarney, east and south Kerry; the length of time it will take to complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44627/26]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Health to outline a detailed progress report on the minor injuries unit for Killarney, County Kerry; when work will commence on this facility for Killarney, east and south Kerry; the length of time it will take to complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44628/26]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Health to outline a detailed progress report on the new Killarney community nursing unit; when this facility for Killarney, east and south Kerry open; when it will be fully operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44629/26]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Health to outline a detailed progress report in relation to opening all beds in Kenmare Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44630/26]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Health to outline a detailed progress report in relation to opening all beds in Cahersiveen Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44631/26]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Health to outline a detailed progress report in relation to opening all beds in Dingle Community Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44632/26]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address a situation in County Kerry where patients end up in the furthest away community hospital/nursing home from their loved ones; if this will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44633/26]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Health to address the A&E crisis by providing additional beds in University Hospital Kerry as a matter of priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44634/26]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite the provision of a new Oncology Unit proposed for University Hospital Kerry to cater for the significant increase in the number of patients attending here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44635/26]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Health the particulars on whether the identity of a deceased person is included in a death certificate; the statutory basis for the inclusion of each particular; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44640/26]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Health the number of death certificates that were issued in Ireland in 2024 and 2025 in respect of deaths that occurred outside the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44641/26]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of persons appointed and holding an appointment as a registrar of births, stillbirths, deaths and marriages, under section 17(1)(b) of the Civil Registration Act 2004; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44642/26]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the details of persons holding an appointment as a registrar of births, stillbirths, deaths and marriages, under section 17(1)(b) of the Civil Registration Act 2004; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44643/26]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time, after the reporting of a death, for a death certificate to be issued in Ireland in 2024 and 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44645/26]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health the number of death certificates that were issued in Ireland in 2024 and 2025 where the death was not reported within three months as required by section 37(1) of the Civil Registration Act 2004; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44646/26]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of persons appointed and holding an appointment, under section 17(1)(c) of the Civil Registration Act 2004; if she will detail their roles and locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44647/26]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health the number of death certificates that were issued in Ireland in 2024 and 2025 pursuant to section 40 of the Civil Registration Act 2004, where the death was twelve months or more from the date of registration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44648/26]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address waiting times for senior citizens in the A&E Department at University Hospital Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44649/26]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health to address the chronic situation that exists at University Hospital Kerry accident and emergency department by providing a new 96 bed block in addition to the 39 beds already in train there, and taken into consideration the fact that the hospital has seen an 18% increase in emergency department presentations during 2024 on 2023 numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44656/26]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Health to provide as a matter of priority a permanent oncology, haematology build at University Hospital Kerry as patients numbers there requiring chemotherapy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44657/26]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health to provide as a matter of extreme urgency a new maternity unit at University Hospital Kerry as there are clinical risks to both mother and baby due to the location of the existing maternity unit, as it is too far from theatre; the progress that has been made in respect of this matter in 2025; if she will provide a sixth operation theatre to facilitate obstetrics and gynaecology demands there; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44658/26]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an ambulatory care block to include endoscopy, surgical and medical day units, outpatient department and radiology at University Hospital Kerry as a matter of priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44659/26]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement process for givinostat for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy; the timeline for a decision following consideration by the HSE Drugs Group; the steps being taken to ensure timely access for eligible patients once a decision is made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Naoise Ó Cearúil. [44665/26]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm if she received correspondence from a family (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44667/26]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health if she will facilitate a meeting with a family (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44668/26]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Health if the tail off in services for fully dependent adults once they turn 18 meets the commitments under the carer's guarantee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44669/26]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health if the services that exist for fully dependent adults are adequate when compared to those available for those under 18 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44670/26]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health if the supports that exist for the families of fully dependent adults are adequate when compared to those available for those under 18 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44671/26]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Health if the respite care supports that exist for the families of fully dependent adults are adequate when compared to those available for those under 18 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44672/26]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the approximate annual cost to the State of caring for an adult with high support needs in full residential care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44673/26]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the case of an adult with high support needs, fully cared for by their family (details supplied); her views on the adequacy of the supports provided by the State since the person turned 18 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Ward. [44674/26]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an application to register the new community nursing unit was submitted, if it was not completely ready to be approved for registration (details supplied); if the new community nursing unit will be open prior to the end of June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44692/26]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Health to list the new buildings constructed and extensions to existing healthcare facilities funded by her Department in the HSE CHO7 area from 2010 to 2025, in tabular form. — Roderic O’Gorman. [44695/26]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reports that agency nurses in a hospital (details supplied) are not permitted to undertake intravenous infusions, including the administration of intravenous antibiotics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44699/26]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reports that agency healthcare assistants in a hospital (details supplied) are not permitted to carry out patient observations, including blood pressure and temperature monitoring; if similar restrictions apply to agency staff across all public healthcare settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44700/26]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Health the status of community neurorehabilitation teams; the number and location of teams; the desired, approved, and actual staffing levels, by grade; the details of areas without teams; the reasons for this, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44711/26]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Paul Lawless. [44717/26]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure HSE adherence to Labour Court recommendation No. LCR23209 CD/25/646 regarding pay for perfusionists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44720/26]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Health if a nursing home (details supplied) is considered a section 39; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louis O’Hara. [44721/26]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene to ensure that the HSE prioritises a conclusion to the skylarys reimbursement negotiations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44724/26]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Health if the current delay a to the skylarys reimbursement negotiations aligns with the “equitable access” promised in the newly launched National Rare Disease Strategy 2025-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [44725/26]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by her Department and the HSE to address the waiting times for patients to have their first neurology consultation, given 24,000 people are reported to be currently waiting for an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [44727/26]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Health the plans there are to increase the staffing levels, in particular specialist nurses in neurology services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [44728/26]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that primary care psychology appointment capacity is, in some cases, being used for parent advice clinics rather than direct engagement with children who are on waiting lists; whether the HSE has issued guidance on how such appointments should be prioritised; if she will review this practice to ensure that available appointments are used to see children in need of assessment and treatment as early as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44731/26]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Health To outline the current waiting list numbers and average waiting times for neurology services in University Hospital Galway and across the West of Ireland; the number of consultant neurologists and support staff currently in post; the existing vacancies; the measures being taken to improve access to neurology services in the region (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44764/26]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Health whether radiography services are available at weekends in University Hospital Galway; to provide details of staffing levels, vacancies, and reliance on agency staff; the measures being taken to ensure adequate diagnostic imaging capacity (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44765/26]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the current waiting list numbers and average waiting times for psychology services in the West of Ireland, including adult and child services; the number of psychologists currently employed and any vacancies; and the steps being taken to reduce waiting times (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44766/26]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Health the current MRI capacity in University Hospital Galway, including waiting times for scans, availability of equipment, and any plans to expand access to MRI services in the region (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44767/26]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Health the policy regarding the application of commercial rates to premises operated by charities; whether any recent changes have resulted in increased financial burdens on such organisations; the supports or exemptions available (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44768/26]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the upgrade of the Ballyhale health centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter ‘Chap’ Cleere. [44770/26]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Health to outline all opening dates, staffing levels, bed occupancies, etc, in respect of the new community nursing unit in Killarney (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44772/26]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the position in relation to blister packs, including any associated costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44783/26]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients and staff that will be transferred to the new Killarney community nursing unit (details supplied); the dates for these transfers, the number of additional staff that will be employed in the new facility, the positions they will include; the date the new Killarney community nursing unit will be fully operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44792/26]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Health the number of retired staff with pension entitlement within her Department who have seen their pension subjected to pension abatement following re-entering employment in the public sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44800/26]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Health if an early date for a cataract procedure will be arranged at University Hospital Waterford for a patient (details supplied) as her GP has deemed her case urgent. — John McGuinness. [44805/26]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Health the status of price negotiations between the Health Service Executive Corporate Pharmaceutical Unit and the manufacturer regarding the reimbursement of omaveloxolone (skylarys) for the treatment of Friedreich’s ataxia; if she will address concerns regarding the omission of this life-altering therapy from the immediate agenda of the HSE Drugs Group ahead of the summer recess of Dáil Éireann; the steps she is taking to accelerate the reimbursement process for rare disease treatments in line with the National Rare Disease Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44823/26]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Health to make skylarys available to people living with Friedreich’s ataxia in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44828/26]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement process for the medication givinostat (duvyzat) for patients living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD); if she will provide an update on the outcome of the HSE Drugs Group meeting scheduled for 10 June 2026; the timeline for a final decision by the HSE leadership; if she will ensure that the clinical eligibility criteria will be aligned with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines to include children who can walk or stand with or without support so that patients in Ireland are not disadvantaged compared to those in Northern Ireland; the proactive steps being taken to plan the immediate clinical rollout to prevent administrative delays post-approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44830/26]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that all children within the State receive urgent access to givinostat (duvyzat) for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44837/26]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Health number of consultant obstetricians contracted under the old arrangements and the new public only consultants contract 2023, by maternity hospital, during the years 2023 - 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44838/26]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Health the provision being made for women who currently choose and avail of private maternity care, in circumstances where there is no private maternity hospital in the State and where private practice is being removed from public maternity hospitals under the public only consultant contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44839/26]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women accessing private care in maternity hospitals during the period 2020 to 2025, by hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44840/26]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women accessing public care in maternity hospitals during the period 2020 to 2025, by hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [44841/26]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health to review medication on the drugs payment scheme for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44849/26]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will make a decision on reimbursement for the drug givinostat for patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44850/26]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the availability of the drug givinostat for patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44851/26]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health if weekend supports for children with additional needs fall within the remit of her brief; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [44857/26]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health to provide urgent access to skylarys for persons living with Friedreich's ataxia (FA) here. — Pat Buckley. [44859/26]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that all children within the State receive urgent access to givinostat (duvyzat) for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44860/26]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that all children within the State receive urgent access to givinostat (duvyzat) for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44861/26]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that all children within the State receive urgent access to givinostat (duvyzat) for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44863/26]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to expedite access and reimbursement for givinostat for children living with Duchenne muscular dystrophy here (details supplied). — Paula Butterly. [44870/26]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Health to give a detailed report in relation to issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Cahill. [44883/26]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will organise surgery for an individual (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44884/26]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE has assessed the impact of overnight partner restrictions on postnatal anxiety, depression, breastfeeding, dignity, safety and maternal wellbeing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [44912/26]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether blanket overnight restrictions after childbirth is acceptable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [44913/26]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health if exceptions to overnight partner restrictions will be considered for private rooms, caesarean sections, traumatic births, anxiety, breastfeeding difficulties, mobility issues or other clinical and emotional support needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [44914/26]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department will consider a national standard for family-centred postnatal care, including overnight partner support where the mother requests it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Nicholas Gogarty. [44915/26]

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

\*370. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the Government's position on introducing a statutory secondary publication right for publicly funded research outputs (details supplied); if he has considered the draft legislation proposed under the National Open Research Forum (NORF) SCOIR project; if he will provide a timeline for any proposed legislative action in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Connolly. [44749/26]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the decision making process behind the merger with Carlow College and SETU; the assessment that was undertaken on this decision to close Carlow College altogether and make the staff redundant; if other alternatives and options were considered as part of the merger; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [44847/26]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is satisfied that adequate protections are in place for staff affected by the planned closure of Carlow College, including redundancy arrangements, recognition of years of service, and access to future employment opportunities within the higher education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Liam Quaide. [44848/26]

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

\*373. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the provision of a library in Mahon, Cork city; the stage it is currently at; and the funding avenues that are open for such projects. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44706/26]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if the level of funding provided by his Department to pay employees of family resource centres, community centres and so on, is below the minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donna McGettigan. [44760/26]