



DÁIL ÉIREANN

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QUESTIONS

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

1. To ask the Taoiseach the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department.

PQ59572/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2. To ask the Taoiseach to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied).

PQ60665/26 | GED NASH

3. To ask the Taoiseach the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget.

PQ60917/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

4. To ask the Taoiseach the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; and the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision.

PQ61099/26 | MATT CARTHY

5. To ask the Taoiseach to report on progress to meet his commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress.

PQ60737/26 | PA DALY

6. To ask the Taoiseach the measures to promote engagement of organisations from outside the border counties in the shared island initiative.

PQ61373/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

7. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 286 of 16 July and No. 14 of 28 July 2026, to report on the work of the "working group to evolve the evidence base on the potential costs of compliance arising for the State from established EU energy and climate targets"; the membership of the working group; the dates on which this group met since its inception; the minutes of these meetings; the findings made to date; to provide the reports published; and to provide details of the KPI and other metrics used to evaluate the work of this group.

PQ60616/26 | PA DALY

8. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; and the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025.

PQ61840/26 | SORCA CLARKE

9. To ask the Taoiseach the sum of the shared island fund drawn down to date, in tabular form.

PQ62637/26 | EMER CURRIE

10. To ask the Taoiseach the total cost to date to the State of the Moriarty Tribunal; and the breakdown of those costs.

PQ62730/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

11. To ask the Taoiseach the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62950/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

12. To ask the Taoiseach the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62991/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

13. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026.

PQ63363/26 | GED NASH

14. To ask the Taoiseach the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026.

PQ63467/26 | GED NASH

15. To ask the Taoiseach to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form.

PQ63469/26 | JOE NEVILLE

16. To ask the Taoiseach the research and studies undertaken to date and underway at present in relation to the provision of public services and the potential for further industrial and economic development on an all-Ireland basis commissioned directly by the Shared Island Unit of his Department and/or commissioned by other departments or statutory agencies and funded through that initiative.

PQ64052/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

Chun an Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála: To the Foreign Affairs and Trade

17. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59555/26 | CAROL NOLAN

18. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the status of the Irish Embassy in Islamabad; if it is open and operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59698/26 | BARRY WARD

19. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the status of the Irish Embassy in Tehran; if it is open and operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59700/26 | BARRY WARD

20. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the data contained within the biometric element of an Irish passport; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59703/26 | BARRY WARD

21. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 14 July 2026, which confirmed a meeting of EU Housing Ministers in Dublin in November 2026, to provide details of the Department that will lead responsibility for that meeting; the estimated cost of the meeting; the budget line from which it will be met; and whether a value-for-money assessment has been carried out or is planned.

PQ59757/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

22. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has raised the case of four Gaza students accepted into the Irish University Sanctuary Programme and who are due to study at the University of Limerick, with Israeli authorities, following their rejection at the Kerem Shalom crossing; the work her Department is taking to secure their transit through Jordan to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on matter.

PQ59790/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

23. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount spent to date on outdoor and out-of-home advertising, including bus shelter, billboard and street furniture advertising, as part of the public communications campaign for Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59812/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

24. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a breakdown of expenditure to date on the public information and advertising campaign for Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026, by category, including outdoor advertising, digital and social media, print, broadcast, and design and production; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59813/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

25. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the names of the companies or agencies contracted to deliver the advertising and communications campaign for Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026, the value of each contract, and whether each contract was awarded following a competitive public procurement process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59815/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

26. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of a group (details supplied) in relation to the requirements for child passport renewals in the event that one parent is deceased; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60188/26 | BARRY WARD

27. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will facilitate a meeting with a group (details supplied) in relation to the requirements for child passport renewals in the event that one parent is deceased; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60194/26 | BARRY WARD

28. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding any review of the requirements for child passport renewals in the event that one parent is deceased (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60201/26 | BARRY WARD

29. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she is aware of the additional obstacles in place for widowed parents in terms of the requirements for the renewal of child passports (details supplied); if legislative change would be required to relax these requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60204/26 | BARRY WARD

30. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make statement on the matter.

PQ60561/26 | SORCA CLARKE

31. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on her Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60664/26 | GED NASH

32. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she has expressed concern about the new Ethnic Unity Law being introduced by the Chinese Communist Party that will seek to further undermine ethnic minorities such as the Uyghur and Tibetan peoples in China; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60701/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

33. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amount her Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of her Department's advertising budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60915/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

34. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of FOI requests her Department, and each agency under her auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61053/26 | MATT CARTHY

35. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total budget allocated and the total amount spent to date, on all advertising, marketing and public awareness activity for Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59819/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

36. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the engagement she has had at an EU level in relation to the arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court against a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59917/26 | BARRY WARD

37. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the engagement she has had at an EU level in relation to the EU's requirements to support international law related to the conditions of the arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59919/26 | BARRY WARD

38. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her current plans to highlight the attacks on Balochistan (details supplied) given concerns around alleged civilian casualties; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61211/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

39. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to a passport application for a person (details supplied); if she will expedite the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60024/26 | BARRY WARD

40. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total amounts paid by her Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61350/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

41. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the expenditure incurred by her Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61347/26 | SORCA CLARKE

42. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on progress to meet their commitments under the national human rights strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60736/26 | PA DALY

43. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will list all international agreements and arrangements with the United Kingdom concerning defence, air defence, or airspace that have been laid before Dail Eireann since 2002, together with the date on which each was laid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60262/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

44. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 273 of 26 May 2026, which did not receive a "follow up with a response with the additional data", when a response will issue.

PQ60315/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

45. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Ireland's role in combatting the spread of HIV and AIDS globally; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60346/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

46. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish passport renewals that were processed via Irish Embassies and/or consulates, by location in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61505/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

47. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if there are plans to open a new Irish Consulate General Office in Milan in 2027.

PQ61504/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

48. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of WTE consular, visa and accounts officer posts filled at Irish Embassies in Ottawa, Ankara, Canberra and Abu Dhabi in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61396/26 | SORCA CLARKE

49. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to the delays in processing a first-time passport application (details supplied); the actions she will take to ensure that it is processed in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61635/26 | BARRY WARD

50. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the estimated impact on Irish manufacturers of the EU Steel Overcapacity Regulation introduced on 1 July 2026; the number of engagements her Department has had with affected sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60786/26 | EAMON SCANLON

51. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the engagement with the British government in relation to the legacy bill; and the status of the interstate case.

PQ59801/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

52. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the engagement with the British government in relation to a case (details supplied).

PQ59797/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

53. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the current processing times for passport renewals; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61789/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

54. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to Parliamentary Question No. 36 of 28 July 2026, the number of occasions her Department, and Representative Office in Ramallah, has raised the status of a person (details supplied) with Israeli authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61413/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

55. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department and bodies under her aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61570/26 | SORCA CLARKE

56. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to host a World Peace Summit in Ireland during Ireland's Presidency of the European Union.

PQ59775/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

57. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she plans to cease the use of Shannon Airport by the US military; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61986/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

58. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which an individual who's Irish-born father was not registered on their UK birth certificate can verify their citizenship to apply for an Irish passport; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62163/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

59. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she or her officials have had any engagement with Gadi Eisenkot or other opposition leaders in Israel.

PQ62383/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

60. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the vision that Ireland currently holds for attaining a long-term settlement between Israel and Palestine; the part Ireland will play in contributing to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62384/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

61. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether a person who has legally changed their name by Deed Poll can have their Irish passport amended to reflect their new name; whether an approved Deed Poll is sufficient evidence of the change of name; the additional documentation, if any, that is required by the passport Service.

PQ62608/26 | PA DALY

62. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the specific statutory provision which permits the Passport Service to dispense with guardian consent for a passport application where the applicant is under 18 and married; and if this exception remains legally applicable to a person under 18 who is married under Irish law.

PQ62712/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

63. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the Passport Service first introduced the provision stating that guardian consent is not required where a child is married; the statutory or administrative basis for introducing that provision; whether it has been amended or reviewed since 1 January 2019; and, if so, the dates and outcome of each such review.

PQ62713/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

64. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passport applications received since 1 January 2019 from persons under 18 who were recorded as married; the number of such applications in which guardian consent was not obtained; the number granted; and the statutory basis on which each such passport was issued.

PQ62714/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

65. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether a person under 18 who is legally married in another jurisdiction may apply for an Irish passport without guardian consent under the Passport Service's current guidance; if so, the legal basis for this; and whether her Department distinguishes between a marriage legally recognised in Ireland and a marriage entered into in another jurisdiction for this purpose.

PQ62715/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

66. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the ship docked at Marino Point, Cork Harbour on 7 August 2026 was a military vessel; the nature of its presence in Cork Harbour; whether permission was sought and received; and the protocol for such visiting ships.

PQ60628/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

67. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total expenditure by her Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62941/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

68. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will review the policy whereby the Irish Passport Service does not accept deed polls for passport name changes and that applicants seeking a passport in a name that does not appear on their birth certificate must provide evidence of two years' usage of that name; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63064/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

69. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will review the policy whereby the Irish Passport Service does not accept deed polls for passport name changes and that applicants seeking a passport in a name that does not appear on their birth certificate must provide evidence of two years' usage of that name; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63061/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

70. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in her Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62975/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

71. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken to address the impact of the EU's revised steel safeguard measures on Irish manufacturers, particularly the application of 50% duties on steel imports from the UK (details supplied); the assessment made of the effect of quota reductions and tariff uncertainty on business competitiveness; if the Government has raised concerns with the European Commission regarding firms importing steel of EU origin via UK suppliers and distribution hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62769/26 | EAMON SCANLON

72. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the new Irish passport design will be added to the Council of the European Union's, Public Register of Authentic identity and travel documents online (PRADO).

PQ63172/26 | EAMON SCANLON

73. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will review the passport online photograph verification process in light of reports from applicants whose photographs were accepted by the online system at submission stage but subsequently rejected during manual examination, causing delays and additional inconvenience; whether her Department has assessed the frequency of such occurrences; and the steps being taken to ensure greater consistency between automated and manual verification processes.

PQ63303/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

74. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions Ireland intends to take in response to the risk of execution faced by individuals who remain accused in Iran; if Ireland will make further specific representations to the Iranian authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63339/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

75. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland together with its European Union partners are considering possible diplomatic avenues and approaches to address Iran's lack of response to international pressure; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63341/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

76. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in her Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63351/26 | GED NASH

77. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason passport applications cannot be expedited or assisted by local TD offices when the estimated issue date falls after constituents confirmed date of travel, until that estimated issue date has officially passed; if she will address why this restriction remains in place even when a minimum of three weeks' notice is provided to her Department to assist with the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63443/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

78. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the nature of Ireland's participation in the group known as the Coalition of the Willing; the specific commitments, if any, entered into on behalf of the State arising from that participation; the legal basis on which the State participates; whether that participation involves any commitment, in principle or otherwise, to the future deployment of Defence Forces personnel as part of any multinational force; and the way in which such participation is reconciled with the State's policy of military neutrality.

PQ62646/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

79. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by her Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form, and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63478/26 | JOE NEVILLE

80. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the name of the external company contracted to her Department that arranges for work permits/visas and so on to be issued for departmental staff that are being posted overseas at Irish Embassies and Consulate General; the amount that her Department paid this company for such works in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63731/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

81. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of individuals not resident in Ireland or Northern Ireland that have been issued with Irish passports in 2026 that also hold passports from other countries and the list of those countries, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63859/26 | EOIN HAYES

82. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports issued by Irish embassies and consulates to date in 2026 to applicants outside of Ireland and Northern Ireland, by country or region or issuance; the number of applicants that held passports from a second or more countries at the time of application, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63858/26 | EOIN HAYES

83. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passport applications received by country and region of residence in each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63860/26 | EOIN HAYES

84. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the engagement she has had with her counterpart in the UK on the decision to amend travel document requirements for those travelling by ferry between Ireland and the UK (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64030/26 | BARRY WARD

85. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the total number of Irish passports issued to applicant residents outside the State in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number in each year, by country of residence; and the number relating to first-time passport applications and renewals respectively, in tabular form.

PQ64091/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

86. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish passports issued in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by the country of residence of the applicant, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64089/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of first-time Irish passports and passport renewals issued in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by country of residence of the applicant, in tabular form.

PQ64090/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on whether changes to passport check requirements (detail supplied) impacts on the common travel area policy between Ireland and the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64020/26 | BARRY WARD

89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under her Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63453/26 | GED NASH

90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her attention has been drawn to the delays in processing a first-time passport application (details supplied); the actions she will take to ensure that it is processed in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64439/26 | BARRY WARD

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

91. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59556/26 | CAROL NOLAN

92. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the funding streams available for climate change adaptation or mitigation pilots in local authorities.

PQ59621/26 | THOMAS GOULD

93. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide an update on his Department's engagement with the local authority sector and other relevant stakeholders to prioritise the development of a system which will assist local authorities in managing discarded nitrous oxide canisters; the timeline for the implementation of this system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59620/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

94. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his plans to work on possible grant schemes or changes to the RHSS to facilitate district/communal heating schemes or move them from gas fed systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59682/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

95. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the working group on district/communal heating schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59685/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

96. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current grant schemes available for anaerobic digestion (AD); if enhancements to these grants are being considered; the guidelines for those considering AD, including to avoid displacement farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59687/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

97. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an update on the number of retailers and producers currently operating the deposit return scheme; the challenges faced in the introduction of the scheme; the steps being taken to overcome them; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59689/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

98. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on plans to address the high costs of energy in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59692/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

99. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on plans to deliver onshore and offshore wind power and solar in a sustainable way, engaging with the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59694/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

100. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 28 July 2026, to provide a detailed outline of the initiatives being undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ59750/26 | PA DALY

101. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 28 July 2026, to provide a comprehensive outline of the extensive engagement with stake holders; the name of all stakeholders that were met as part of this process; the dates on which these meetings took place and with whom, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59752/26 | PA DALY

102. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the delivery of a national DMAP in 2027 is on track (details supplied); the projected timeline for delivery; the quarter in which it will be delivered in in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59755/26 | PA DALY

103. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the oversight role of his Department in respect of the operation of the protected disclosures process within Inland Fisheries Ireland; whether his Department has received any report or correspondence concerning the integrity or governance of that process; whether he is satisfied that the process operates in accordance with the Protected Disclosures Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59763/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

104. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will confirm the precise number of operational data centres currently located within the State; the number planned or under construction; if his Department maintains a definitive register of such facilities; his views on the implications of data centre expansion for electricity demand, grid capacity and domestic energy consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59936/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

105. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has conducted an assessment of the impact of data centre expansion on electricity prices, grid capacity and infrastructure costs for domestic consumers and small businesses; the findings of any such assessment; the measures being taken to ensure that the costs associated with serving large energy users are not disproportionately borne by households; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59937/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

106. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to report on all taskforces led by his Department; the dates on which they have met since the taskforces inception; the breakdown of all subgroups; the dates on which each subgroup has met; the breakdown of all progress achieved including reports published and explicit policy recommendations issues; and the policy recommendations implemented to date since the taskforces' inception, in tabular form.

PQ60020/26 | PA DALY

107. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 163 of 28 July 2026, when the white paper outlining strategic choices and a delivery framework for Ireland's electricity sector to 2050 will be published; the projected timeline for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60053/26 | PA DALY

108. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department is taking to support the development of demand-side flexibility within Ireland's electricity system; the role he expects demand-side response to play in achieving national electricity system and renewable energy targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60266/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

109. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has engaged with EirGrid, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and representatives of the demand-side response sector regarding the operation of the electricity market and the participation of flexible demand resources; the outcome of any such engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60271/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

110. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to detail any legislation and policy documents relating to the regulation of air quality; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60366/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

111. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a breakdown of the amount of capital spent by Tipperary County Council on anti-dumping initiatives and tackling/disposing of illegal dumping in 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60551/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

112. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if grants are available for the installation of solar panels in new build properties.

PQ60655/26 | THOMAS GOULD

113. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60680/26 | GED NASH

114. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 115 of 28 July 2026, whether the sampling, survey and scoring methodology of the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System has been evaluated since 2015 by a body independent of his Department, participating local authorities and the contracted litter monitoring body (details supplied); for each such evaluation, the date, evaluator, terms of reference, principal findings and publication location; if no such independent evaluation has been completed, if he will confirm that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60688/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

115. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to list each project funded or operated by his Department since 2015 in which members of the public participated directly in structured litter monitoring or scientific knowledge production (details supplied); the operator, expenditure, participant number, resulting dataset or research output and publication location, in tabular form; if there were no such projects, to confirm that position; if the Department cannot determine whether such projects existed, the records and bodies consulted in preparing previous replies and to confirm that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60689/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

116. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment each published pathway an individual, community organisation or independent entity operating outside a university or public research body may submit an operational citizen science platform, methodology or citizen-generated environmental dataset for independent technical assessment; the responsible body, criteria, decision timetable and review process (details supplied); the number of submissions assessed since 2015; if either no published pathway or no applicable assessment standards exist, if he will confirm each position separately; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60690/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

117. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to report on progress to meet their commitments under the national human rights strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60753/26 | PA DALY

118. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if a full Government investigation will take place into the water and air quality in, around and downstream of a plant (details supplied); if an investigation into the reason the EPA has not suspended or revoked the licence in the face of this severe and consistent non-compliance will also be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60826/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

119. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60933/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

120. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61041/26 | MATT CATHY

121. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment following recommendations in the recent Climate Advisory Council Report 2026, if battery storage and changeover switch grants will be introduced by his Department as part of Budget 2027; and if the PV solar medically vulnerable scheme will be amended in view of these recommendations.

PQ59794/26 | ROBERT TROY

122. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the steps he is taking, at EU Council level and nationally, to advocate for a crediting or market mechanism for temporary carbon removals that would support Ireland's climate targets while creating jobs and new income streams for the agricultural sector; and the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and with farm organisations on this opportunity.

PQ59749/26 | BARRY WARD

123. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason the solar PV medically vulnerable scheme is solely administered via energy providers and partner installers; if the scheme will be expanded to allow eligible customers to choose their own SEAI registered installer; if he will clarify if there is currently a review of this scheme; and if changes to its administration will be forthcoming.

PQ59782/26 | ROBERT TROY

124. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide details on the work of the national energy affordability taskforce in relation to the PV Solar medically vulnerable scheme.

PQ59786/26 | ROBERT TROY

125. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an update on the regulatory measures in place to ensure that when a registered gas installer formally notifies the relevant authorities of a dangerous gas installation, that notification triggers an immediate and independent site verification; if he is satisfied that the current regulatory structure adequately prevents the reinstatement of gas supply to properties with outstanding safety hazards; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59836/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

126. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an update on the regulatory measures in place to ensure that when a registered gas installer formally notifies the relevant authorities of a dangerous gas installation, that notification triggers an immediate and independent site verification; if he is satisfied that the current regulatory structure adequately prevents the reinstatement of gas supply to properties with outstanding safety hazards; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ59847/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

127. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to review the independence of the gas safety supervisory body, particularly regarding its capacity to impartially investigate complaints lodged against its own inspection and certification standards; whether he believes that the current system of oversight provides adequate protection to installers who raise systemic safety concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59844/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

128. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 374 of 16 July 2026, to report on the dates on which he met the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage or the Minister to address the delay in the development of onshore wind delivery guidelines; his views on whether their delivery is yet to be determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60047/26 | PA DALY

129. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position taken by Ireland in European Council negotiations on the proposed suspension of Article 45(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 concerning extended producer responsibility authorised representatives (file 2025/0395(COD)); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61092/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

130. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the existing major producer thresholds of €1 million annual turnover and 10 tonnes of packaging placed on the market continue to apply following the application of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 from 12 August 2026; whether micro-enterprises below those thresholds are now required to register as producers under Article 44 of that Regulation; the guidance that has been published for micro-enterprise and sole-trader online retailers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61091/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

131. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which his Department plans to protect EV and heat pump users from the sudden removal of dedicated time-of-use tariffs by suppliers.

PQ61008/26 | PA DALY

132. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the existing rules and regulations in relation to the use of bird scarers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60057/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

133. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61132/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

134. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will review the grant structure and the impact of upcoming PSO levy adjustments on electrified households.

PQ61011/26 | PA DALY

135. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61365/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

136. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61348/26 | SORCA CLARKE

137. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the Renewable Heat Obligation Bill 2025 will be published; if it will be accompanied by a full impact assessment and full cost benefit analysis with respect to the consumer; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60775/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

138. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures planned to ensure that rural and off-gas-grid communities are not disproportionately burdened by transitioning to green energy; the additional supports available to them as part of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60726/26 | PA DALY

139. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the assessment carried out by his Department of regional dependence on solid fuel heating, particularly in the Midlands, Border and western regions; the way this is being reflected in Budget 2027 planning and home-heating transition policies; if he has considered ring-fencing some funds to assist solid fuel homes with rising costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60725/26 | PA DALY

140. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether additional funding will be made available in Budget 2027 to support inspections, sampling, testing and enforcement of solid fuel regulations following enactment of the Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2025.

PQ60724/26 | PA DALY

141. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when he expects the provisions of the Air Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2025 to be commenced; the additional resources being provided to local authorities and the EPA to support implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60722/26 | PA DALY

142. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his attention has been drawn to illegal and non-compliant fuel trading; the measures he is taking to address this; if he has considered establishing a joint fuel enforcement taskforce involving Revenue, the EPA, local authorities and An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60718/26 | PA DALY

143. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to address the concerns raised (details supplied) that directly affects Irish Micro-Business; to give consideration to the four main points raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60708/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

144. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the proportion and estimated tonnage of recreational pollack removals used in the relevant ICES assessment that were attributable to Irish waters and anglers; the Irish data and IMREC findings used and the weight afforded to them; the reason the three pollack limit was introduced before the full IMREC dataset and socioeconomic assessment were available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61176/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

145. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 199 and 204 of 28 August 2026, to report on the NEAT subgroups that have been established; the breakdown of their membership; the dates they were formed; the dates on which they have met since their inception; to outline each subgroups specific objectives; the names of the stakeholders they met; the dates on which these meetings have taken place, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60358/26 | PA DALY

146. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being taken to reduce waiting times for applicants to the SEAI warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60942/26 | SORCA CLARKE

147. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if homes should be grant aided to get to the standard of 12 kVA (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60335/26 | SEÁN KYNE

148. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment each documented quality-assurance, inter-rater reliability, data-validation and audit procedure currently applied to the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System; the body responsible for each; its frequency; the number of surveys audited and non-conformities identified in each year from 2021 to 2025; and where the applicable protocol and audit results are published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60440/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

149. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied), regarding eligibility criteria for older persons under the SEAI Warmer Homes Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61468/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

150. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment which public authority is responsible for deciding when a wildfire-smoke or air-quality alert should be issued; and the thresholds or criteria used.

PQ60497/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

151. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if official monitoring stations or local authority sensors recorded elevated PM2.5 or PM10 levels in or near Sandyford and Goatstown during the period 27 and 28 of July 2026 particularly during the night; and if those readings will be published.

PQ60488/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

152. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has carried out an assessment of the impact of the authorised representative requirements under Article 45(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on Irish micro and small enterprises trading cross-border within the European Union; if so, if he will publish that assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61569/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

153. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position taken by Ireland at the Council of the European Union on 24 June 2026 in respect of the proposed suspension of Article 45(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 contained in COM(2025) 982; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61568/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

154. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the body which will operate the register of producers required under Regulation (EU) 2025/40; the date on which that register will open for registration; the fee structure proposed for producers placing less than ten tonnes of packaging on the Irish market annually; whether the simplified reporting dataset provided for under that Regulation will be applied in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61567/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

155. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of producers registered with the approved body for packaging in each of the years 2023 to 2026 to date; the number of producers estimated to fall within the scope of the producer registration requirements of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 which fell below the major producer thresholds provided for under the European Union (Packaging) Regulations 2014, as amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61566/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

156. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the three pollack daily recreational limit will be reviewed before the 2027 fishing negotiations; if the review will consider updated IMREC data, 2026 commercial and bait catches, socioeconomic evidence and Irish stock research; if its findings will be published; whether Ireland will seek an amendment to Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU) 2026/249 if supported by the evidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61178/26 | PA DALY

157. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 168 of 21 May 2026, the scientific evidence on recreational pollack catches used in negotiating Article 12 of Council Regulation (EU) 2026/249; the extent to which it relied on data from France, southern England or ICES Division 8a; the way in which its relevance to Irish inshore rod and line fishing, particularly off the northwest coast, was assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61175/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

158. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61585/26 | SORCA CLARKE

159. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department or the SEAI is considering extending eligibility for solar PV grants to owners of new dwellings constructed since 2021; whether a review of the current eligibility criteria is underway; the rationale for the continued exclusion of such homes from grant support; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61845/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

160. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether a multi-agency protocol for major fish kills has been established following the Blackwater fish kill.

PQ61977/26 | THOMAS GOULD

161. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will outline Ireland's EU Presidency priorities, particularly in relation to climate and energy security; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61978/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

162. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the plans to assist the now 500,000 households in gas and electricity arrears; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61979/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

163. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether he is aware of the growing administrative burden created by packaging Extended Producer Responsibility rules and the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation; whether there is a need for proportionate reporting requirements based on the actual quantity of packaging placed on the market; whether he agrees there is a need for measures to prevent authorised representative and administrative costs becoming disproportionate to the environmental liability involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62037/26 | SEÁN KYNE

164. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his attention has been drawn to the growing administrative burden created by packaging Extended Producer Responsibility rules and the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation; whether he agrees that a meaningful exemption or simplified regime for micro and small businesses placing very small quantities of packaging on other EU markets would be beneficial; whether he agrees that an EU-wide registration or "one-stop shop" rather than separate national registrations is desirable; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62036/26 | SEÁN KYNE

165. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position taken by Ireland in Council negotiations on the proposed suspension of Article 45(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 concerning extended producer responsibility authorised representatives (file 2025/0395(COD)); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62115/26 | PAUL MURPHY

166. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the existing "major producer" thresholds of €1 million annual turnover and 10 tonnes of packaging placed on the market continue to apply following the application of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 from 12 August 2026;

whether micro-enterprises below those thresholds are now required to register as producers under Article 44 of that Regulation; the guidance that has been published for micro-enterprise and sole-trader online retailers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62114/26 | PAUL MURPHY

167. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will make registration on an NSAI contractors register a mandatory condition for all SEAI supported spray foam insulation works, in order to ensure that grant funded installations are carried out only by trained, competent, and audited installers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62160/26 | CAROL NOLAN

168. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current status of the seven mineral prospecting licence applications in East Clare (details supplied); if his Department and the Geoscience Regulation Office have considered the deep environmental concerns of the local community regarding potential downstream chemical processing impacts; if he will explicitly address the contradiction between these applications and the Clare County Development Plan, which strictly prohibits the use of chemical substances like cyanide and sulfuric acid in mineral processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62174/26 | CATHAL CROWE

169. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details of the proposed obligation rates under the renewable heat obligation scheme; the rationale for setting the initial rates at 1.5% rising to 3%; if he will consider increasing these rates to a more effective level to support meaningful emissions reduction in the heating sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62304/26 | CAROL NOLAN

170. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the current status of the renewable heat obligation scheme; the reason the legislation was not published before the Dáil summer recess as previously indicated; the revised timeline for publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62303/26 | CAROL NOLAN

171. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will assess the potential compliance costs for the liquid fuel industry arising from the renewable heat obligation scheme; the expected impact on consumers; if he will revise the scheme to ensure that costs are proportionate to environmental benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62305/26 | CAROL NOLAN

172. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the Government's assessment of low carbon liquid fuels, including HVO, as a viable and affordable decarbonisation option for older rural homes reliant on kerosene; if he will consider policy measures to support their deployment at scale; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62306/26 | CAROL NOLAN

173. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of homes currently reliant on oil (kerosene) for heating; the proportion located in rural areas without access to the natural gas grid; and the Government's strategy for providing practical and affordable decarbonisation pathways for these households; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62307/26 | CAROL NOLAN

174. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the reason Ireland has no climate policies recorded in the OECD IFCMA Climate Policy Dashboard country-level database; the engagement his Department has had with the OECD regarding the omission; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62315/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

175. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will consider revising the renewable heat obligation scheme to ensure that it supports the deployment of renewable liquid fuels into existing home heating systems as the fastest and most practical pathway to emissions reduction in the heating sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62312/26 | CAROL NOLAN

176. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the expected emissions reduction impact of the renewable heat obligation scheme at the proposed obligation rates; if his Department has modelled higher obligation rates to determine their potential effectiveness; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62311/26 | CAROL NOLAN

177. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has engaged with representative bodies in the renewable heating sector (details supplied) regarding the design and implementation of the renewable heat obligation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62310/26 | CAROL NOLAN

178. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will provide an updated analysis of the suitability of heat pumps for older rural homes; the estimated cost of deep retrofits required for effective operation; if alternative technologies such as low carbon liquid fuels have been fully evaluated within the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62309/26 | CAROL NOLAN

179. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will examine the feasibility of establishing a single renewable liquid fuel obligation scheme covering all liquid fuels used in heating and transport, modelled on the renewable transport fuel obligation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62308/26 | CAROL NOLAN

180. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he is satisfied that current legislation adequately addresses the use of ultrasonic animal deterrent devices, particularly in built up areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62324/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

181. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for a detailed update on the implementation of the joint research centre recommendations arising from the report into Blackwater fish kill; the way in which to better handle these incidents in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62515/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

182. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he has plans to force waste collection companies advertising online and by door to door flyers to provide their permit number in such advertisements; his views that verification online of such permits should be simplified by the National Waste Collection Permit Office; whether he agrees that improper use of a fake permit number should attract stiff penalties and that illegal waste collection impacts legitimate businesses, can damage the environment and cause avoidable expenditure by local authorities on clean ups; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62437/26 | SEÁN KYNE

183. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the Climate Action Plan for 2026 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62706/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

184. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the timeline for consultations and publication of the Climate Action Plan 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62707/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

185. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the next national long term climate action strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62708/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

186. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the Climate Action Plan for 2026, will set out sector specific actions that are required to address any failure, or projected failure, to comply with the carbon budget and sectoral emissions ceiling for the period to which the plan relates, as per S.4(2)(b)(ii) of the Climate Action Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62709/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

187. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether, in making appointments to the Climate Change Advisory Council, he assesses if there is a sufficient balance of specialist expertise and viewpoints to ensure robust scrutiny of climate accounting methodologies, including GWP* and temperature neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62724/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

188. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if changes will be introduced to SEAI grants to allow persons with properties which already have had heat pumps installed some years ago to reapply for these grants.

PQ62738/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

189. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether any changes to the eligibility criteria for the SEAI warmer homes scheme are under consideration as part of Budget 2027, the National Retrofit Plan or any wider review of energy poverty supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62734/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

190. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the requirement under the SEAI warmer homes scheme that a dwelling must have been built and occupied before 2006 was last formally reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62733/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

191. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has a strategy in place to promote the future of inland fisheries; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62846/26 | CATHY BENNETT

192. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has assessed the adequacy of deposit return scheme return infrastructure at airports, railway stations, bus stations and other major transport hubs; and whether he will publish the findings of any such assessment and identify any additional infrastructure required.

PQ62995/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

193. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the deposit return scheme framework permits consumers to voluntarily direct refundable deposits to registered charities or community organisations; if so, the safeguards that apply to ensure that the option is clearly presented and voluntary; and if not, whether he will consider providing for such an option.

PQ62994/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

194. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the deposit return scheme framework requires Re-Turn to provide return and refund arrangements at airports and other high transit locations where consumers may have limited opportunity to redeem deposits before departure; and if not, whether he will consider introducing such a requirement.

PQ62992/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

195. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62940/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

196. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether he is satisfied that recyclable cardboard collected by licensed waste operators is being handled in a manner consistent with public guidance given to households that wet or contaminated cardboard is not suitable for recycling; whether his attention has been drawn to reports of cardboard being stored outdoors at waste and recycling facilities, including transfer stations, where it may become wet and contaminated; whether inspections of such facilities assess the impact of outdoor storage on the quality of recyclable materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63084/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

197. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department ever carried out or supported the Local Authority on an environmental study into the lands of the former Dunsink landfill and the implications dumped materials at this site have on public health; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63087/26 | EMER CURRIE

198. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62976/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

199. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment his views on the merits of introducing a deposit return scheme for glass bottles and jars to encourage the proper recycling of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63187/26 | BARRY WARD

200. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the plans his Department has to introduce a deposit return scheme for glass bottles and jars to encourage the proper recycling of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63186/26 | BARRY WARD

201. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of representations received by the Department in the past three years from independent technology providers seeking access to deposit return scheme infrastructure; and the manner in which each was responded to.

PQ63318/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

202. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the objective criteria that govern access by independent third party technology providers to the technical infrastructure operated under the deposit return scheme; whether those criteria are published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63317/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

203. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the specific regulatory and oversight powers available to the Minister in respect of the approved operator of the deposit return scheme; and whether any such power has been exercised in relation to third party access to the scheme's infrastructure.

PQ63319/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

204. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether the approved operator of the deposit return scheme has developed, or is developing, its own digital, charitable or payment related functionality; and the safeguards in place to ensure that the operator's position cannot be used to delay or exclude independent providers of complementary services.

PQ63320/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

205. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether responsibility for third party access to deposit return scheme infrastructure is regarded by the Department as a regulatory matter within the Minister's oversight or as an operational matter for the approved operator; and the basis for that position.

PQ63321/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

206. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63345/26 | GED NASH

207. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether consideration will be given to allowing the SEAI solar PV grant to support backup systems that enable households to safely use their solar-generated electricity during power outages, particularly during storms; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63373/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

208. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63447/26 | GED NASH

209. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63472/26 | JOE NEVILLE

210. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures that are in place to reduce the waiting time for those under the warmer homes scheme.

PQ63619/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the position regarding the introduction of a pay-on-behalf model for online platforms in respect of environmental, and other fees applying to distance sellers supplying goods to Irish consumers, similar to those already paid by Irish importers and distributors; when he expects such a model to be formally adopted in Ireland; whether his Department has set a target date for its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63844/26 | EMER CURRIE

212. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the total amount available under Circular LU 03/2026 – Dog Waste Infrastructure; the number and value of applications received from each local authority; the number approved to date; the timeframe for all outstanding applications to be determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63867/26 | MATT CARTHY

213. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the status of the funding application submitted by Monaghan County Council under Circular LU 03/2026 – Dog Waste Infrastructure; the amount sought by the Council; when the application was received; when a decision will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63866/26 | MATT CARTHY

214. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of diesel laundering waste incidents recorded by each local authority area in each of the years 2022 to date in 2026; the quantity of waste recovered in each county; the cost to the Exchequer of its treatment and disposal; the measures being taken by his Department, in conjunction with Revenue and An Garda Síochána, to reduce the incidence of diesel laundering and associated dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63865/26 | MATT CARTHY

215. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department will continue to recoup in full all costs incurred by Monaghan County Council in dealing with diesel laundering waste, including any increased costs arising from the Council's new treatment and disposal contract; whether any ceiling applies to such recoupment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63864/26 | MATT CARTHY

216. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount paid to Monaghan County Council in each of the years 2020 to 2025 for costs associated with the collection, storage, treatment and disposal of waste arising from illegal diesel laundering; the amount paid in respect of incidents occurring in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63863/26 | MATT CARTHY

217. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions his Department is undertaking to assist in reducing the administrative load on small businesses having to engage with or register for packaging schemes in other EU countries prompted by the recent EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63325/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

218. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 8 of 11 June 2026, the current position in relation to the introduction of legalisation regarding ESB lines and forestry corridors.

PQ63958/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

219. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if there is a co-ordinated programme across Government at local and national level to ensure the use of public buildings for the installation of solar panels.

PQ64066/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

220. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the feasibility study into transitioning Ireland's waste collection market from its current side-by-side licensing system to a franchise tendering system will be published.

PQ64110/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

221. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether consideration has been given to allowing all appropriate window and external door replacement works identified during an assessment under the warmer homes scheme to be completed as part of the one fully funded retrofit rather than requiring an eligible household to separately access another SEAI grant scheme for an external door.

PQ64093/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the rationale for the replacement of qualifying windows being an eligible measure under the SEAI warmer homes scheme in certain circumstances, while the replacement of inefficient external doors is not included as an eligible measure; and whether an assessment has been undertaken of the energy-efficiency and heat-loss implications of excluding external doors from the scheme.

PQ64092/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment when the feasibility study on transitioning Ireland's waste collection market from its current side-by-side licensing system to a franchise tendering system will be published.

PQ64112/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether consideration is being given, within current and future publicly funded residential retrofit programmes, to the increasing risk of overheating in homes during warmer summer conditions; and whether guidance issued for retrofits and heat pump installations includes assessment of future cooling requirements over the expected lifetime of retrofit measures.

PQ64355/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

225. To ask the Minister for Defence the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59557/26 | CAROL NOLAN

226. To ask the Minister for Defence if the pursuit of financial liability arising from the undertaking set out in CCR 446 has been waived or stood down for an individual case in each of the years 2020 to 2026; and if so, the grounds for so doing.

PQ59884/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

227. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 127 of 7 May 2026, the costs incurred as a result of outsourcing functions formerly performed by the defence forces since 2020; by function outsourced; by year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60310/26 | CATHY BENNETT

228. To ask the Minister for Defence the date on which the four Pilatus PC-12 aircraft operated by the Air Corps were grounded; the expected date for the return of the fleet to operational service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60429/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

229. To ask the Minister for Defence the contingency arrangements that have been put in place to provide air ambulance and emergency aeromedical evacuation cover, and to provide aerial surveillance support to An Garda Síochána, the Army and the Naval Service, for the duration of the grounding of the Pilatus PC-12 fleet; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60435/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

230. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason a manual maintenance check of the Pilatus PC-12 fleet identified maintenance issues that were not identified by the computerised Maintenance Information System used to track scheduled maintenance; the period over which any such misalignment persisted; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60441/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

231. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of scheduled maintenance items found to be misaligned or outstanding across the Pilatus PC-12 fleet; the nature of those items; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60450/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

232. To ask the Minister for Defence whether any of the four Pilatus PC-12 aircraft were operated, including on medical evacuation or surveillance tasking, while scheduled maintenance items were overdue or misaligned; the assurance available that the aircraft were airworthy throughout that period notwithstanding the holding of current Military Airworthiness Review Certificates; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60456/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

233. To ask the Minister for Defence the total cost to the State of the four Pilatus PC-12 aircraft; the list purchase price; a breakdown of the additional expenditure on upgrades, specialist equipment and spares that brought the total cost to the reported figure of almost €50 million; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60462/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

234. To ask the Minister for Defence the total flying hours recorded by the Pilatus PC-12 fleet in each year since entry into service in 2020; the availability rate of the fleet in each of those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60468/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

235. To ask the Minister for Defence given that the procurement of the Pilatus PC-12 fleet included substantial expenditure on spares, whether any shortage or unavailability of spares or parts is a factor in the grounding or in its expected duration; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60480/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

236. To ask the Minister for Defence whether an internal review or audit has been, or will be, commissioned into the maintenance and airworthiness management of the Pilatus PC-12 fleet; where responsibility rests for the maintenance tracking system found to be misaligned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60489/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

237. To ask the Minister for Defence to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on her Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60679/26 | GED NASH

238. To ask the Minister for Defence the total amount her Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of her Department's advertising budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60932/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

239. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of FOI requests her Department, and each agency under her auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61051/26 | MATT CATHY

240. To ask the Minister for Defence the healthcare and medical treatment entitlements of members of the Permanent Defence Force who are serving out of engagement; whether these entitlements differ from those of other serving members of the Permanent Defence Force; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61151/26 | COLM BURKE

241. To ask the Minister for Defence the arrangements that apply where a serving member of the Permanent Defence Force is referred by a Defence Forces medical practitioner to a private hospital or specialist for investigation or treatment; the circumstances in which her Department meets the cost of such treatment; whether different arrangements apply to personnel serving out of engagement; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61153/26 | COLM BURKE

242. To ask the Minister for Defence whether members of the Permanent Defence Force serving out of engagement are expected to obtain private health insurance to meet the cost of medical investigations or treatment arising from a referral by a Defence Forces medical practitioner; her Department's policy in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61154/26 | COLM BURKE

243. To ask the Minister for Defence the total amounts paid by her Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61363/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

244. To ask the Minister for Defence the expenditure incurred by her Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61346/26 | SORCA CLARKE

245. To ask the Minister for Defence to report on progress to meet the commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60752/26 | PA DALY

246. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 30 June 2026, if she will provide Army Nursing Corps reinstating the ANS as opposed to outsourcing this essential service, in light of the fact that outsourcing is not only more expensive, it does not allow for nurses to deploy with Defence Forces units; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60704/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

247. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any preliminary work or assessment of the merits of the development of a naval base in Dún Laoghaire Harbour; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60473/26 | BARRY WARD

248. To ask the Minister for Defence the naval, technical and operational research, analysis or advice underpinning any decision or proposal to limit the size or displacement of future Naval Service vessels; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60347/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

249. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the Naval Fleet Replacement Programme; whether any limitation on the size or displacement of future Naval Service vessels has been introduced or is under consideration; whether any such limitation would preclude the acquisition of multi-role combat vessels; whether the Department has assessed the implications of any such limitation for future operational capability and for crew safety, including in North Atlantic sea conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60338/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

250. To ask the Minister for Defence if the reference to a Pay Review Body for the Defence Forces contained in the previous Statement of Strategy of her Department has been retained in the updated Statement of Strategy; if not, the reason it has not been retained; whether it remains Government policy to provide for an independent pay review mechanism for members of the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60332/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

251. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the implementation of the Strategic Framework for the Transformation of the Defence Forces; the measures currently underway; and the expected timeframe for the remaining measures.

PQ61393/26 | SORCA CLARKE

252. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated cost in 2027 if the budget for the Defence Forces increased by 15%.

PQ61517/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

253. To ask the Minister for Defence the nature of refurbishment works carried out at Sarsfield Barracks Limerick in 2025 and to date in 2026; if works are still ongoing at present; if so, to indicate the completion date for same, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61492/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

254. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the implementation of the Strategic Framework for the Transformation of the Defence Forces; the measures currently underway; and the expected timeframe for the remaining measures.

PQ61394/26 | SORCA CLARKE

255. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department and bodies under her aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61584/26 | SORCA CLARKE

256. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding the development of a naval base in Dún Laoghaire Harbour; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60466/26 | BARRY WARD

257. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the review of documents pertaining to a person (details supplied); and when the results of that review will be made available.

PQ61841/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

258. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department runs a tendering process for the supply of fuel to the Defence Forces; the way in which and when a supplier might potentially submit a tender to her Department; if she will provide a list of all current fuel suppliers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62281/26 | CATHAL CROWE

259. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the rollout of the emergency preparedness booklet being sent out to all households; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62531/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

260. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of females qualified Air Corps Pilots; the number of females currently in training to become qualified Air Corps Pilots; when each of those persons will qualify, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62582/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

261. To ask the Minister for Defence if, following the enactment of the Defence (Amendment) Bill 2026, members of the Defence Forces could be deployed to a multinational force of the kind currently being planned under the Coalition of the Willing without the approval of the United Nations Security Council; the safeguards that would apply to any such deployment; and if a resolution of the Dáil would be required in every such case.

PQ62647/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

262. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update in relation to the progress of each of the 27 actions arising from the Reserve Defence Forces Regeneration Plan 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62560/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

263. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide the number of applications received, the number of applicants accepted/invited to training and the number of applicants inducted post-trainings, for each of the past five general enlisted and cadetships recruitment competitions across the different defence forces branches, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62559/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

264. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update on the review of Civil Defence Development Plans; if there are further plans for increasing investment and expanding civil defence organisations with a view to responding to future serious weather events like floods, wildfires, landslides, snowstorms and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62558/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

265. To ask the Minister for Defence for an update in relation to the development of an East coast naval base; if her Department has undertaken any further examination of establishing a similar naval base on the West coast; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62555/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

266. To ask the Minister for Defence if her Department has considered the purchasing of a national sail training vessel to replace the Asgard II; if she will provide greater support to sail training Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62554/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

267. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide details relating to the upgrading of the naval service vessels secondary armaments such as the armament provider; the cost to purchase these armaments and future maintenance; whether work is being carried out by Defence Forces or externally contracted; if contracted, the cost for this and the name of the contractor; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62553/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

268. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide the total numbers of naval patrol days undertaken each quarter for the previous five years; the initiatives her and her Department are undertaking to increase patrols; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62552/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

269. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a breakdown of the numbers of active Civil Defence personnel in each of the 28 Civil Defence units for each year for the past five years, in tabular form; the recruitment target and baseline strength for Civil Defence for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62551/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

270. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide the total numbers of active personnel within the Reserve Defence Forces (RDF) for each year for the past ten years; the recruitment targets for the RDF for 2026; the number of applications to the most recent RDF recruitment competition; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62550/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

271. To ask the Minister for Defence the total expenditure by her Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62954/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

272. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding Ireland's preparedness for a significant cyber-attack on the Defence Forces; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63030/26 | BARRY WARD

273. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding Ireland's preparedness for a significant cyber-attack on Department of Defence offices/ institutions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63029/26 | BARRY WARD

274. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any review of defence spending in the context of an ever-changing international landscape; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63028/26 | BARRY WARD

275. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding any assessment of the Defence Policy Review 2024 (details supplied); in the context of an ever changing international landscape; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63027/26 | BARRY WARD

276. To ask the Minister for Defence the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in her Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62977/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

277. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in her Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63347/26 | GED NASH

278. To ask the Minister for Defence the capital works projects currently ongoing at Curragh Camp; when will each of those projects be completed, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63408/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

279. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of staff, whole-time equivalents in the Defence Forces in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63442/26 | GED NASH

280. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under her Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63449/26 | GED NASH

281. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by her Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63474/26 | JOE NEVILLE

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282. To ask the Minister for Transport the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59558/26 | CAROL NOLAN

283. To ask the Minister for Transport if the operators of the NDLS service are required to offer the service in the Irish language; the monitoring carried out of them providing their service in the Irish language; if they report to his Department on achieving a quality service to the public in the Irish language; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59600/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

284. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of an anomaly regarding taxi drivers who live in the North of Ireland and work in the South of Ireland (details supplied); if this anomaly will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59681/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

285. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to include traffic calming measures and a speed reduction to ensure safety at Station Road in Castlebellingham in County Louth and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59724/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

286. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to include traffic calming measures and a speed reduction at Shelagh NS in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59721/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

287. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the N53 project in County Louth and any possible interim plans to ensure safety at the Crossmaglen turnoff on the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59720/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

288. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the work being done to deliver greater public transport systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59717/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

289. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the work being done to recruit more bus drivers and mechanics to Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59714/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

290. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on progress made on the work plan for 2026 by his Department, in conjunction with other agencies and departments, to improve road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59712/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

291. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding for the FourNorth rail project is included in the NDP Transport budget under Coastal North; if not, when it will receive its own budget, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59787/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

292. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of successful applications approved under the €10 million ICE2EV pilot scrappage scheme which closed on 1 July 2026; if he will provide a breakdown of these approved applications and the corresponding funding allocated on a county-by-county basis, with specific reference to County Longford and County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59817/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

293. To ask the Minister for Transport if a grant is available to purchase a new nine-seater EV bus (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59773/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

294. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of cars that were tested under the national car test (NCT) in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59971/26 | BARRY WARD

295. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the total number of cars that failed the national car test in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, broken down by whether it required an additional sight test or a full retest; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59976/26 | BARRY WARD

296. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the total fees collected under the national car test for each of 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59977/26 | BARRY WARD

297. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the mobility transport grant for people with disabilities.

PQ59983/26 | EOIN HAYES

298. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on all taskforces led by his Department; the dates on which they have met since the taskforces inception; the breakdown of all subgroups; the dates on which each subgroup has met; the breakdown of all progress achieved including reports published and explicit policy recommendations issues; and the policy recommendations implemented to date since the taskforces' inception, in tabular form.

PQ60022/26 | PA DALY

299. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected impacts of BusConnects on bus frequency, route coverage and journey times in Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60100/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

300. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on his efforts to simplify the process for returning emigrants to exchange US driver licences and on the commitment in the Programme for Government to facilitate the easier return to Ireland for emigrants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60136/26 | PA DALY

301. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount drawn down to date in 2026 in respect of Active Travel Investment Grant scheme DCC/17/0008 Fitzwilliam Street (details supplied); whether the National Transport Authority expects the full 2026 allocation to be drawn down within the year; what becomes of any unspent allocation; the total amount advanced to Dublin City Council in respect of this scheme in each year since 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60234/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

302. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 471 of 9 June 2026, to provide an update on proposals for the alternative display of paper motor tax and insurance discs under the National Vehicle and Driver File, Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60321/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

303. To ask the Minister for Transport if an independent road maintenance crew can be provided for the Ring of Kerry N70 route, given its importance to Ireland's and Kerry's tourism industry; if he will give a commitment that all hedges, trees and bushes will be cut on an annual basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60516/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

304. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann has any plans to develop the services on the Waterford to Limerick rail line which serve as a vital connectivity point between the South East and Mid-West (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60533/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

305. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to upgrade or for works to be carried out in either Clonmel or Carrick-on-Suir train stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60543/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

306. To ask the Minister for Transport given the success of the TFI Clonmel town bus service, if there are any further plans to provide a similar service to other towns across Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60546/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

307. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60678/26 | GED NASH

308. To ask the Minister for Transport when the statistical bulletin for 2024, 2025 and 2026 will be published (details supplied); the reason for the delay to publish 2024; if 2025 will also be delayed; and if he will make statement on the matter.

PQ60856/26 | PA DALY

309. To ask the Minister for Transport the public transport services that were covered under the PSO for each year 2024 and 2025, broken down by urban and suburban bus networks, regional and rural bus links, heavy rail and commuter trains and light rail systems; the types of services it did not fund, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60866/26 | PA DALY

310. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his Department's consideration of the enforcement of disability parking spaces in privately owned car parks or on any potential legislative or regulatory pathways to address the current gap.

PQ60972/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

311. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 607 of 28 July 2026, whether it is the Government's intention that physical construction of the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project will commence by 2030; the current indicative timeline for the commencement of construction, subject to the necessary planning and approval processes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61021/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

312. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60931/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

313. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a breakdown of the number of applications received for the road transport support scheme; the number that are awaiting determination; the number that have been approved; and the number that have been refused, broken down by county, in tabular form.

PQ59730/26 | PA DALY

314. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on Iarnród Éireann's position on extending the carpark serving Thurles Railway Station particularly given the high demand for those travelling to Dublin in the mornings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60963/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

315. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has estimated the administrative and financial burden that the Railway Safety Bill 2026 will place on volunteer run heritage railways; if he intends to provide any support or exemptions for such operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60803/26 | CAROL NOLAN

316. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to extend the €10 million pilot of the EV scrappage scheme; when it will reopen; the funding that will be allocated; the amount that will be ringfenced for rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59739/26 | PA DALY

317. To ask the Minister for Transport the consideration that has been given to introducing a national penalty regime for non-compliance with CORSIA in order to support multilateral climate action and to protect the competitiveness of the Irish aviation sector (details supplied).

PQ59746/26 | BARRY WARD

318. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61037/26 | MATT CARTHY

319. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of significant reoccurring delays on the Sligo to Dublin commuter train, particularly in Longford and Edgeworthstown stops; his plans to address these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61118/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

320. To ask the Minister for Transport whether private car park operators are under any legal, planning, licensing or regulatory obligation to provide parking for bicycles, e-bikes, scooters, mopeds or motorcycles; whether operators are legally entitled to exclude these users (details supplied); the evidence or policy rationale for car parking to be prioritised while lower-emission space-efficient transport options are excluded; whether the Department considers this compatible with Ireland's climate action, active travel, and sustainable transport policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61124/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

321. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government intends to introduce legislation, planning requirements, licensing conditions, or insurance guidance to ensure that private car parks cannot refuse bicycles and motorcycles without a clear, evidence-based justification; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61127/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

322. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered measures to reduce the barriers faced by Irish citizens returning from the United States who hold valid US driving licences (details supplied); if he will outline proposals currently under consideration by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59849/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

323. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on the work of public transport workforce taskforce; the dates the taskforce has met; to provide a breakdown of all subgroups, their membership and the dates they have met; to provide key achievements to date; the progress to achieving other metrics for success or objectives, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59920/26 | PA DALY

324. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with the NTA with a view to pausing projects that involve public funding for e-scooter infrastructure, given the shift in national policy on e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59899/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

325. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a project (details supplied); if he will request the NTA to pause the project given the national policy change in relation to e-scooters, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59910/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

326. To ask the Minister for Transport the public funding allocated for each of the years from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026 for the provision of e-scooter infrastructure, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ59889/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

327. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on the work of the Sustainable Mobility Policy Leadership Group; the dates the taskforce has met; to provide a breakdown of all subgroups, their membership and the dates they have met; to provide key achievements to date on the progress to achieving other metrics for success or objectives, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59924/26 | PA DALY

328. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on the work of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Task Force; the dates the taskforce has met; to provide a breakdown of all subgroups, their membership and the dates they have met; to provide key achievements to date on the progress to achieving other metrics for success or objectives, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59930/26 | PA DALY

329. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed breakdown of the investment made to enhance existing public bus services within Clare in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61244/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

330. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the total profit or loss made in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, by the operator of the national car test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59980/26 | BARRY WARD

331. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any independent audit of the operation of the national car test; if so, what were the result of those assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59986/26 | BARRY WARD

332. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the total number of road traffic accidents that were recorded in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form, by the causes of these accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59987/26 | BARRY WARD

333. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the total number of road traffic accidents recorded in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, which were deemed to have been caused by defective vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59988/26 | BARRY WARD

334. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any review of the operation of the national car test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59981/26 | BARRY WARD

335. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the total number of road traffic accidents recorded in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, which were deemed to have been caused by defective vehicles; if in those cases, the number of these vehicles that had a valid NCT certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59989/26 | BARRY WARD

336. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the total number of road traffic accidents recorded in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 that involved vehicles that did not have a valid NCT certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59993/26 | BARRY WARD

337. To ask the Minister for Transport to address the extremely dangerous four cross road junction in Farranfore village, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60003/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

338. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the roll out of bus connects in Limerick; his views on the benefits of this to people living in the Limerick city west area including the areas of Patrickswell, Ballybrown/Clarina, Mungret, Raheen and Dooradoyle, and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ61138/26 | NIALL COLLINS

339. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures in place to prevent potential drone attacks at Irish airports.

PQ61293/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

340. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the plans to remove level crossings along the DART line from Dublin Connolly to Bray.

PQ61289/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

341. To ask the Minister for Transport if contingency plans exist in the event of parts of the Dublin to Rosslare rail line falling in to the sea as a result of coastal erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61287/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

342. To ask the Minister for Transport the quality assurance measures that are in place to monitor the conduct of driving testers and the treatment of applicants at driving test centres in Kerry; the number of such complaints upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61285/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

343. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new coastguard stations built by the State in the period 2016 to 2025, inclusive; the total sum for each year of that period spent on design and planning works for all potential coastguard stations; and the total capital expenditure on coastguard stations for each of those years.

PQ61290/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

344. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures his Department has put in place to encourage the uptake of a career in bus driving; the supports available for driver training; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61286/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

345. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the plans for passing or overtaking rail lines on the DART line on Dublin's southside to allow the Rosslare Intercity to pass the DART on the line.

PQ61288/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

346. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests that did not proceed in Kerry where the applicant was otherwise eligible to undertake the test but was unable to proceed due to administrative, documentation, insurance or vehicle-related issues identified prior to the commencement of the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61284/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

347. To ask the Minister for Transport when the National Transport Authority will install a bus stop on the R125 (details supplied) in County Meath to enable workers to get to their workplace and persons with disabilities to enjoy their local community amenities and businesses, using public transport.

PQ60113/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

348. To ask the Minister for Transport to urgently address the concerns of CIE pensioners raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60122/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

349. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the development of the new vehicle adaptation scheme (VAS); to clarify if this new grant scheme is entirely standalone or if it is intended to phase out or replace any element of the existing disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme (DDS) run by the Department of Finance; the timeline for the finalisation of the eligibility criteria and funding levels ahead of its proposed launch in early 2027; the steps he is taking to address widespread public concern regarding the interaction between the two schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61278/26 | CATHAL CROWE

350. To ask the Minister for Transport to direct the NTA to advise if a new route 600 connecting a service Tralee-Killarney to Cork City-Dungarvan-Waterford will come into service given the public demand for this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61094/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

351. To ask the Minister for Transport to direct the NTA to advise if a service can be provided for route 300 to stop at Farranfore, given the high public demand for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61093/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

352. To ask the Minister for Transport if airlines or airport authorities have minimum standards for seating, or maximum waiting times during boarding (details supplied); and whether Ireland will work with others at EU level for minimum boarding-queue conditions to be added to the EU Regulation 261/2004 framework.

PQ61000/26 | ANN GRAVES

353. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an issue in relation to Leap cards (details supplied); when the technical issue will be resolved; the measures being taken to ensure it does not reoccur; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60865/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

354. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for extending Freedom of Information Act 2014 exemptions to the Medical Bureau of Road Safety in respect of railway intoxicant testing records under the Railway Safety Bill 2026; the transparency considerations underpinning this amendment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60798/26 | CAROL NOLAN

355. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will direct a company (details supplied) to accept the transport of live exports given that it is using ports that are publicly owned.

PQ60837/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

356. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61362/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

357. To ask the Minister for Transport the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61345/26 | SORCA CLARKE

358. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent of consultation undertaken with heritage and tourist railway operators prior to the drafting of the Railway Safety Bill 2026; the dates of such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60802/26 | CAROL NOLAN

359. To ask the Minister for Transport the justification for retaining copyright over Railway Accident Investigation Unit reports and restricting their commercial use under section 15 of the Railway Safety Bill 2026; the precedent for such restrictions in other safety investigation regimes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60801/26 | CAROL NOLAN

360. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for granting Gardaí accompanying Railway Accident Investigation Unit personnel the power to arrest without warrant under section 17 of the Railway Safety Bill 2026; the number of incidents under existing railway safety legislation where such powers would have been required; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60794/26 | CAROL NOLAN

361. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has carried out an assessment of the impact of the Railway Safety Bill 2026 on volunteer run heritage railways (details supplied) and other designated heritage operations; if he has consulted with heritage railway operators regarding compliance costs, criminal liability exposure, and operational implications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60790/26 | CAROL NOLAN

362. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the funding shortfall for the rollout of BusConnects; the individual projects under the programme that are now due to be delayed, the length of time of the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61367/26 | IVANA BACIK

363. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the new driving test centre in the Dublin 15 area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60783/26 | EMER CURRIE

364. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration will be given to reviewing the scheduling of bus routes C4 and W6 on the section of route shared between Maynooth and Celbridge; whether the NTA is aware that the current timetabling often results in both services operating within a few minutes of one another or running in convoy; whether consideration will be given to staggering the schedules of both routes to provide a more even 15-minute frequency on the shared corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60777/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

365. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider measures to facilitate the entry of young drivers into the taxi industry through the sale of already existing licences by older drivers who wish to exit the industry.

PQ60769/26 | TOM BRABAZON

366. To ask the Minister for Transport the basis on which compliance with the statutory maximum speed limit of 20 km/h for e-scooters is assessed (details supplied); whether enforcement is based on the actual speed at which an e-scooter is being operated or on the maximum unladen speed capability of the vehicle; the number and types of e-scooters currently available that meet the legal requirements for use on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60762/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

367. To ask the Minister for Transport to report on progress to meet their commitments under the national human rights strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60751/26 | PA DALY

368. To ask the Minister for Transport to address the condition of footpaths and streets in Cahersiveen town; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60713/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

369. To ask the Minister for Transport to expedite the south Kerry Greenway, a lifeline and a gamechanger for County Kerry; to speed up outstanding payments and accommodation works for adjoining farmers/landowners; to introduce a sustainability payment or the equivalent of for all landowners adjacent to the Greenway; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ60712/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

370. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed park and ride facilities to be developed in Galway on the N6 national primary road next to Junction 19, approximately 550 spaces and at the N83 national primary road, just north of Claregalway approximately 320 spaces; the status of the accompanying development of the bus priority measures along both the N6 and N83; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60700/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

371. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the limited frequency of intercity rail services between Dublin Heuston and Westport, particularly the absence of a mid-morning weekday service; if he will engage with Iarnród Éireann to examine the feasibility of introducing an additional service, potentially departing Heuston around 11:00am, to improve connectivity for passengers travelling to Mayo and the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60697/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

372. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a significant increase in funding for the Ring of Kerry N70 road, given its importance to Ireland's and Kerry's tourism industry, as 70% of this national secondary road is substandard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60520/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

373. To ask the Minister for Transport to direct Transport Infrastructure Ireland to invest finances and resources to correct the roads and footpaths in key towns such as Cahersiveen and Killorglin on the N70 Ring of Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60517/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

374. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made to develop a dedicated bus lane on the M4/N7 corridor; the stage this is currently at; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60454/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

375. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that driving test applicants at the Raheny Driving Test Centre will not be adversely impacted by the RSA's decision to temporarily close this centre; if will ensure that additional capacity is provided at the Killester Driving Test Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61399/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

376. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount Iarnród Eireann has been fined for not meeting service delivery targets for the DART; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61418/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

377. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the way in which Ireland compares to other EU countries in terms of the use of technology in driving tests to ensure fairness is applied at all times (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61448/26 | BARRY WARD

378. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the adequacy of the existing driving test system, specifically in relation to avenues of appeals for unsuccessful candidates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61446/26 | BARRY WARD

379. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the concerns raised by the campaign related to the mechanisms in place behind the Irish Driving Test system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61442/26 | BARRY WARD

380. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider the introduction of an R plate for all rental cars, similar to the L and N plates currently in use in Ireland (details supplied); and will the Minister make a statement on the matter.

PQ60365/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

381. To ask the Minister for Transport the approximate timeframe for the processing of an application for a person (details supplied) under the road transporters support scheme; if the application is still live; if the application requires further information; when payment will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60348/26 | FRANKIE FEIGHAN

382. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any review ongoing into the way in which the Irish driving test is graded and assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61443/26 | BARRY WARD

383. To ask the Minister for Transport further to a previous proposal by this Deputy, if the design of the proposed Killarney to Farranfore bypass will include the re-location of the Iarnród Éireann railway station in Farranfore, closer to Kerry Airport, presently 1.4km apart, to facilitate ease of transfer of passengers who wish to use both facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60445/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

384. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount collected in car-parking charges at each Irish rail station car park including the amount of revenue raised by location in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ61509/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

385. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any requirement to be fitted with an electronic immobiliser applies to used vehicles imported into the State at the point of registration or roadworthiness testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61497/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

386. To ask the Minister for Transport the protocol in place between An Garda Síochána and the motorway traffic control centre for the closure of a carriageway and the activation of variable message signs on notification of a vehicle travelling against the flow of traffic; the average time taken to activate such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61496/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

387. To ask the Minister for Transport to examine the need for a signalised junction at a roundabout (details supplied); if his Department will engage with the National Transport Authority to progress this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61423/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

388. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the roll out of the D-Spine as part of BusConnects; if he will commit to a timeline for the roll out of the D-Spine; if the release routes will not be changed in advance of the roll out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61422/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

389. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the work undertaken by Iarnród Éireann in developing the preferred route for the Four North project; whether the emerging preferred option should now be available for public viewing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61420/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

390. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount Dublin Bus has been fined for bus routes 15, 27a, 27b, H1, H2, H3, and 6 not meeting service delivery targets in 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61415/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

391. To ask the Minister for Transport whether Transport Infrastructure Ireland has assessed the installation of wrong-way driver detection technology at motorway junctions; whether any pilot deployment has been undertaken or is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61473/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

392. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of amending the current driving test system to allow for greater use of technology including video / audio recording to create greater transparency for an appeal mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61445/26 | BARRY WARD

393. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has examined the use of encrypted audio and video recording technology during practical driving tests in other EU Member States; if consideration has been given to introducing such systems within driving test vehicles to support the appeals process and enhance transparency for both candidates and examiners; if he will seek legal advice regarding the compatibility of in-car recording systems for driving tests with GDPR and Irish data protection legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ61590/26 | JOE COONEY

394. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new coastguard stations built by the State in each of the years 2016 to 2025; the total amount for each year of that period spent on design and planning works for all potential coastguard stations; and the total capital expenditure on coastguard stations in each of those years.

PQ61591/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

395. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on plans for passing or overtaking rail lines on the DART line on Dublin's Southside to allow the Rosslare Intercity to pass the DART on the line.

PQ61377/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

396. To ask the Minister for Transport if he aware of the fact that there has been no application process, a waiting list or an acceptance of new drivers to get a taxi stand licence to ply their trade in Aerphort Átha Cliath since 2022; the reason for this; and when a new allocation of licences for taxis to be based in Aerphort Átha Cliath will be issued to help counter the shortage of taxis which often happens at peak times in the airport.

PQ60378/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

397. To ask the Minister for Transport if contingency plans exist in the event of parts of the Dublin to Rosslare rail line falling in to the sea as a result of coastal erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61376/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

398. To ask the Minister for Transport the support and access to funds for the purchase of a new boat or capital investment available to an organisation (details supplied) in County Wexford and for such services and in particular.

PQ60567/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

399. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will significantly increase funding for the N86 Tralee, Camp, Annascaul, Lispolie to Dingle road in 2026 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60528/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

400. To ask the Minister for Transport further to previous requests to Iarnród Éireann to connect the train and bus stations in Killarney (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60453/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

401. To ask the Minister for Transport the latest update on the rollout of a bus service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61660/26 | EMER CURRIE

402. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered the creation of a statutory road safety commissioner or equivalent with the authority, budget and legal mandate to deliver the 2030 target (details supplied); if this has been ruled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61661/26 | PA DALY

403. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the calls to support a funded national programme, with published timelines, to redesign the 50 highest-risk road sections identified by crash data; if he is considering this measure as part of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61663/26 | PA DALY

404. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to address the rising number of road collisions and fatal road collisions beyond the recently announced national safety camera strategy in general and as part of budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61666/26 | PA DALY

405. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the RSA is fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61669/26 | PA DALY

406. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated additional funding that Irish Rail would need to fully restore catering services on intercity rail services to pre-Covid levels.

PQ61670/26 | ALAN KELLY

407. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 16 June 2026, for an update on the National Road Safety Camera Strategy; the number of times that Camera Enforcement Oversight Group has met since its establishment; the dates of these meetings; when a numbered, dated, camera deployment plan will be published; the reasons this has not be delivered to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter .

PQ61675/26 | PA DALY

408. To ask the Minister for Transport whether reconciliation of Road Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána work-related road fatality data with Health and Safety Authority reporting has been considered by the Road Safety Leadership Group; if so, the dates on which it was discussed and any decisions arising; if not, if he will request that this matter be placed on the agenda of its next meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61684/26 | BARRY WARD

409. To ask the Minister for Transport whether funding has been allocated for the deployment of wrong-way driver detection technology on the national road network; the number of sites expected to be operational by the end of 2027; if he will provide an update on progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61596/26 | MATT CARTHY

410. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of Transport Infrastructure Ireland's plans to deploy wrong-way driver detection and verification systems at up to 30 motorway junctions and slip roads; the locations identified for deployment; the timeline for implementation; the estimated cost of the programme; the role this technology is expected to play in reducing incidents of reckless and dangerous driving on the national road network; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61595/26 | MATT CARTHY

411. To ask the Minister for Transport the procedures in place where a vehicle owner alleges that damage or an electrical or mechanical fault occurred during an NCT; whether such investigations require examination of the vehicle concerned; the oversight role exercised by the RSA, if any, in such investigations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61593/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

412. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has given consideration to introducing in-car recording technology for driving test vehicles for auditing and quality assurance purposes, as has been introduced in Portugal, Lithuania and Bulgaria; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61592/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

413. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider the fast-track of the Luas Tyrrelstown to support the new Dunsink development and to support a new area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61707/26 | EMER CURRIE

414. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount spent on the Royal Canal Greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61706/26 | EMER CURRIE

415. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount spent on legal proceedings on Dart+ West to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61704/26 | EMER CURRIE

416. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount spent on BusConnects B-Spine to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61703/26 | EMER CURRIE

417. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount spent on Dart+ West to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61702/26 | EMER CURRIE

418. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2026; when this will be enacted; if he anticipates it will be in place for year end 2026; and if he will make statement on the matter.

PQ61657/26 | PA DALY

419. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding local authority access to collision location data in advance of the enactment of the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61748/26 | BARRY WARD

420. To ask the Minister for Transport the basis for any delay in progressing the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61747/26 | BARRY WARD

421. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the consultation process prior to the drafting of the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61746/26 | BARRY WARD

422. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the revised timeline for the publication and enactment of the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61745/26 | BARRY WARD

423. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61744/26 | BARRY WARD

424. To ask the Minister for Transport to prioritise Glenbeigh village and make it greenway ready, in terms of road improvements works, lighting, pathways and pedestrian crossings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60178/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

425. To ask the Minister for Transport if, following the recent renewal of the NDLS contract with a company for a further three-year period, he will provide clarity regarding the long term employment security of staff working in NDLS centres nationwide; if he will confirm whether TUPE protections apply in the event that a different service provider is awarded the contract in the future; and the safeguards in place to protect the employment rights, continuity of service, and terms and conditions of existing NDLS staff (details supplied).

PQ61771/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

426. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on work to encourage more employers to participate in the TaxSaver scheme and the cycle-to-work scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61809/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

427. To ask the Minister for Transport if a new vehicle adaptation scheme is under development or consideration; the Department's role in the development of that scheme; the intended date of introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61822/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

428. To ask the Minister for Transport if any assessment has been carried out of the impact on families of disabled drivers and passengers of moving from the current disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme to a new vehicle adaptation scheme, in particular the impact on the ability of a family to change an adapted vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61823/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

429. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on Iarnród Éireann's efforts to automate crossings across their rail network, particularly along the line servicing Nenagh town; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61787/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

430. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures his Department is taking to improve efficiency and decrease wait times in driving test centres.

PQ61761/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

431. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the National Vehicle and Driver File Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61764/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

432. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he has examined introducing dashboard cameras and audio recording devices within driving test vehicles to ensure transparency and safety for both examiners and candidates; and if he would make a statement on the matter.

PQ61762/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

433. To ask the Minister for Transport the current drivers test waiting times across each test centre; the current average number of tests taken before passing across each test centre; in tabular form.

PQ61760/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

434. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has examined the use of certified private providers to conduct practical driving tests in other jurisdictions; the details of any such review: if consideration has been given to the introduction of a regulated system of licensed private driving test centres operating under Road Safety Authority oversight; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61589/26 | JOE COONEY

435. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any review is planned of the requirement for candidates to obtain a category C licence before presenting for a category CE driving test; and if he will outline any proposals under consideration.

PQ61588/26 | JOE COONEY

436. To ask the Minister for Transport whether a review has been undertaken of the pre-drive oral questioning requirements for candidates seeking categories C, CE and D licences; and if he will outline any plans to streamline or modernise these assessments.

PQ61587/26 | JOE COONEY

437. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of formal appeals received against practical driving test results in each of the past five years; the number upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61586/26 | JOE COONEY

438. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the campaign related to the mechanisms in place behind the Irish driving test system (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61440/26 | BARRY WARD

439. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61583/26 | SORCA CLARKE

440. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Killarney to Farranfore bypass will be expedited given the chronic traffic situation in Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60523/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

441. To ask the Minister for Transport to introduce a scheme to keep bridges clear of overgrowth (details supplied) to ensure the safety of all road users; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60483/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

442. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware that the NTA has not provided an interim town service for Letterkenny since the previous contractor withdrew the service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61849/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

443. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to encourage greater use of public transport by the promotion of buses or railways; to promote the use of travel passes under the tax savers scheme in view of the fact that less than 1% of the work force currently benefit from this scheme; the measures his Department is taking to encourage employers to cooperate with employees who request to be included in the scheme, but choose not to do so; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61861/26 | SEAN FLEMING

444. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has assessed the increase in the average kerb weight and gross vehicle weight of passenger cars registered in the State over the past 20 years; whether it has examined the implications of increasing vehicle weights, including those associated with electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles and larger SUVs, for existing transport and parking infrastructure; whether this issue has been raised with his Department by the Road Safety Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, local authorities or other bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61916/26 | SORCA CLARKE

445. To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the revenue received per year, by the State for the use of Shannon Airport by non-Irish military flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61993/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

446. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the possible active travel routes which could be routed to Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell, following engagement with South Dublin County Council; the expected timeline for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61994/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

447. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position with the installation and allocation of bus stops and stands in Kildare south.

PQ61995/26 | MARK WALL

448. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on proposed salary increases agreed by his Department for CEOs of transport bodies in years two and three of their contracts, including the CEOs of Córas Iompair Éireann, Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61997/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

449. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he has taken to tackle scrambler usage in Cork city.

PQ61998/26 | THOMAS GOULD

450. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding available to the National Transport Authority to complete building projects.

PQ62000/26 | JEN CUMMINS

451. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration has been given to the provision of dedicated funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure for County Galway, particularly in view of the increasing uptake of electric vehicles and buses and the current shortfall in charging facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62001/26 | PETER ROCHE

452. To ask the Minister for Transport whether additional, urgent funding for the reinstatement of roads in County Louth, estimated to cost approximately €3.681 million, following recent storm damage and for which the local authority does not have the money to do will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62003/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

453. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions his Department is taking, including in coordination with the Department of Health, to address the situation whereby some older persons, including those in nursing homes or residential care settings, would prefer to return to their own homes in the evenings but are prevented from doing so due to extremely limited rural transport options; the measures being taken to reduce transport-related barriers that may be contributing to de facto long-term residential care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62007/26 | PETER ROCHE

454. To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the increased numbers of citizens returning to Ireland from abroad whether he has considered new measures to streamline the foreign driver license exchange service offered by the RSA to allow valid foreign license holders from recognised states to drive on these licenses for a limited period while their applications for an Irish license are processed, and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ61865/26 | GRACE BOLAND

455. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason CIÉ retirees have not yet received their agreed pension increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62049/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

456. To ask the Minister for Transport the total annual cost of operating on Dublin Bus route 70, broken down per year from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61957/26 | EMER CURRIE

457. To ask the Minister for Transport the total annual revenue raised on Dublin Bus route 70, broken down per year from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61956/26 | EMER CURRIE

458. To ask the Minister for Transport the average number of daily passengers on Dublin Bus route 70, broken down per days of the week, from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61955/26 | EMER CURRIE

459. To ask the Minister for Transport the total expenditure on the Next Generation Ticketing programme to date; the total amount paid to the principal contractor to date; the total amount paid to all other contractors, consultants, advisers and third parties; to provide a breakdown of expenditure by category, including technology and systems, hardware and equipment, professional and consultancy services, project management, staffing and other costs; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ62083/26 | GRACE BOLAND

460. To ask the Minister for Transport to set out the original and current timelines for each key phase of the Next Generation Ticketing programme; whether any milestones or delivery dates have been missed, deferred or revised since the contract was awarded; the reasons for each such change; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ62080/26 | GRACE BOLAND

461. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the current status of the Next Generation Ticketing programme, including the delivery of contactless bank card and mobile device payments across public transport; the key outstanding milestones; the expected date for commencement of contactless payments for passengers; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ62078/26 | GRACE BOLAND

462. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any guidelines in place specifically regarding the bringing of psychiatric support dogs on commercial aeroplanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62070/26 | BARRY WARD

463. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any guidelines in place specifically regarding the bringing of psychiatric support dogs in taxis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62069/26 | BARRY WARD

464. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any guidelines in place specifically regarding the bringing of psychiatric support dogs on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62068/26 | BARRY WARD

465. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any guidelines in place regarding the bringing of service animals on commercial aeroplanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62067/26 | BARRY WARD

466. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any guidelines in place regarding the bringing of service animals in taxis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62066/26 | BARRY WARD

467. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any guidelines in place regarding the bringing of service animals on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62065/26 | BARRY WARD

468. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the current delivery timetable for the Next Generation Ticketing programme remains achievable; the principal risks to delivery of contactless payments within that timetable; the oversight and reporting arrangements that are in place to monitor cost, milestones and contractor performance; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ62089/26 | GRACE BOLAND

469. To ask the Minister for Transport the original contracted cost and current forecast total cost of the Next Generation Ticketing programme; whether any additional payments, contract variations, change requests or other additional costs have arisen or are anticipated; the value and reason for each such additional cost; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ62086/26 | GRACE BOLAND

470. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline all funding allocated by his Department for projects, programmes and initiatives in the Cavan and Monaghan constituency from 1 January 2025 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62180/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

471. To ask the Minister for Transport To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department intends on extending the ICE2EV scrappage scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62253/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

472. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the WAV26, by the number of applications received under round 2, the number deemed eligible, the number of provisional grant offers available and the number of unsuccessful applicants; the total funding allocated to round 2; if, given the level of unmet demand, he has considered increasing the funding available under the scheme introducing a reserve/waiting list where successful applicants subsequently withdraw or fail to proceed, or providing any alternative mechanism to support eligible applicants who were unsuccessful; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62258/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

473. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the National Transport Authority to examine the provision of additional scheduled bus stops at Gortatlea Cross, Ballymacelligott, County Kerry, on services operating between Tralee, Farranfore and Killarney, given that buses already travel through the area (details supplied); if an assessment has been carried out of local demand for improved connectivity to Tralee, Farranfore Railway Station, Kerry Airport and Killarney; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62260/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

474. To ask the Minister for Transport if a wrong way sensor and alert system will be introduced on all motorways and selected sections of the national roads network, particularly along dual-carriage ways

PQ62288/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

475. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay by the NDLS updating a category on a licence for a person (details supplied).

PQ62290/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

476. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider a parking permit scheme for those with hidden disabilities and neurodivergence who may need accommodations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62325/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

477. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Government's commitment to introduce contactless fare payments across public transport, including the use of ordinary debit and credit cards and mobile wallets on bus services; the bus services and operators that currently accept contactless bank-card payments; the progress made by the NTA developing and implementing the new contactless fare-payment system; if the system will provide daily and weekly fare capping comparable with Leap card; and the target date for nationwide availability of contactless bank-card payments on bus services.

PQ62322/26 | SORCA CLARKE

478. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Alexandra Road roadworks, which are currently restricting freight/rail movements from Tara mines to Dublin Port.

PQ62334/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

479. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any engagement he has had with Dublin Bus in relation to the rollout of USB-C charging ports for passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62367/26 | BARRY WARD

480. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to replace the outdated USB-A ports on Dublin Bus in favour of USB-C ports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62366/26 | BARRY WARD

481. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of creating a targeted fund to support the rollout of USB-C charging ports for passengers on Dublin Bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62369/26 | BARRY WARD

482. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any engagement he has had with Irish Rail in relation to the rollout of USB-C charging ports for passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62368/26 | BARRY WARD

483. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of creating a targeted fund to support the rollout of USB-C charging ports for passengers on DART services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62370/26 | BARRY WARD

484. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of creating a targeted fund to support the rollout of USB-C charging ports for passengers on LUAS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62372/26 | BARRY WARD

485. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the merits of creating a targeted fund to support the rollout of USB-C charging ports for passengers on Irish Rail services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62373/26 | BARRY WARD

486. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting times for driving tests in Clonmel, Tipperary town and Thurles; the average national waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62380/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

487. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is envisaged that a traffic volume and appropriate noise study will be carried out for the N20 between Browns Bridge, Quaterstown, Mallow and the first and second roundabouts Mallow, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62402/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

488. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to address the sharp increase in waiting times for driving tests at Loughrea driving test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62423/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

489. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of a direct route between the Dublin 15 area and Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62455/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

490. To ask the Minister for Transport further to the recent appearance at the Public Accounts Committee, to provide greater details on the breakdown of payments of the failed €50m IT project write down; the amount paid to a company (details supplied) in each quarter since commencement; if there was ongoing performance reviews or assessments; the amount that can be recouped; the measures in place to ensure accountability and the prudent use of taxpayer funds in this matter; the payments made to consultants supporting the project and the basis on which these payments were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62529/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

491. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Dunkettle to city active travel scheme will be delivered alongside the proposed railway stations.

PQ62463/26 | THOMAS GOULD

492. To ask the Minister for Transport further to the NTA recent appearance at the Public Accounts Committee, to detail which rail service expansion projects will be "rephased or reprioritised" as a result of the failed €50m IT project write down; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62518/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

493. To ask the Minister for Transport for a detailed update in relation to actions taken on the Rail Project Prioritisation Strategy 'Early Intervention' Actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62514/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

494. To ask the Minister for Transport when legislation relating to the National Vehicle and Driver File is expected to be published; the principal reforms intended to be included in the legislation; the current stage of drafting; whether Government approval has been received for publication; the anticipated timetable for pre-legislative scrutiny, publication and passage through the Houses of the Oireachtas; whether it remains the Government's intention to progress the legislation before the end of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62584/26 | GARY GANNON

495. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the new vehicle adaptation scheme recently announced; and to provide details on the way in which the scheme will be administered

PQ62604/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

496. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has assessed the risk posed to people with low vision by street infrastructure which may be difficult to visually distinguish from footpaths and surrounding buildings; whether he will engage with the NTA and TII and local authorities and organisations representing people who are blind or vision impaired regarding the adequacy and consistent application of existing standards; whether consideration will be given to national guidance for the retrofitting of existing infrastructure where accessibility issues are identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62583/26 | GARY GANNON

497. To ask the Minister for Transport the national standards or guidance that apply to visual contrast and accessibility in the design of street-lighting columns, traffic and signage poles, bus-stop infrastructure and other street furniture for people who are blind or vision impaired; whether existing national design standards contain specific requirements regarding sufficient visual contrast between such infrastructure and its surrounding environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62581/26 | GARY GANNON

498. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the rollout of a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62631/26 | EMER CURRIE

499. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of replacing all chargers on the Dublin Bus fleet with USB-C sockets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62638/26 | EMER CURRIE

500. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the next review of the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy; whether a project can be considered for priority to support a major residential development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62636/26 | EMER CURRIE

501. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed implementation timetable for the deployment of additional road-safety camera technology; the total number of cameras currently planned; the number expected to be operational by the end of 2026, 2027 and 2028; the offences which the cameras will be capable of detecting, including speeding, red-light offences and other dangerous road behaviour; the locations or criteria by which locations will be selected; the bodies responsible for procurement, installation and operation; the funding allocated to the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62578/26 | GARY GANNON

502. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the rollout of the B-Spine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62641/26 | EMER CURRIE

503. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses expected to be added to the Dublin Bus fleet between 2026 and 2029, by year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62640/26 | EMER CURRIE

504. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the installation of the Next Generation Automatic Vehicle Location system on the Dublin Bus fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62639/26 | EMER CURRIE

505. To ask the Minister for Transport if Iarnród Éireann will run an advertisement campaign on both social media and in print media in quarter 4 of 2026 reminding passengers that bikes are not permitted in train services during morning and evening peak rush periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62573/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

506. To ask the Minister for Transport if a proposal (details supplied) is being currently considered or will be considered in the future; the plans to improve public transport in Gortalea Cross and across Kerry and other rural areas more generally; the type of evidence needed to demonstrate sufficient demand and need in the area to justify the introduction of this service; if there are general guidelines which direct the implementation of new and enhanced services or if they are selected on a case by case basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter,

PQ62510/26 | PA DALY

507. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will investigate issues (details supplied) raised in relation to a bus service S8 that are ongoing and provide a clear outline of the steps being taken to address them.

PQ62703/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

508. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) has not yet received a date for their driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62721/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

509. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which those waiting for a driving test in Raheny test centre will be accommodated in Killester; if he expects these changes to result in further delays in tackling the existing backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62722/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

510. To ask the Minister for Transport to extend a service into local communities, with aim of reducing the amount of cars in a park and increasing public transport usage (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62588/26 | EMER CURRIE

511. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a project (details supplied); if he will request to pause the use of public funding on the project given the national policy change in relation to e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59925/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

512. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with local authorities with a view to pausing projects that involve public funding for e-scooter infrastructure, given the shift in national policy on e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59912/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

513. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve the accessibility of public transport for people who require the use of a wheelchair; his plans to improve the accessibility of bus stops for people who require the use of a wheelchair; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62732/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

514. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to promote the tax savers scheme where an employer purchases a travel pass for their employees in view of the fact that less than 1% of the workforce in Ireland currently avail of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61862/26 | SEAN FLEMING

515. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of funding made available to each local authority in 2026 for resurfacing of roads; and if this amount is adequate to repair roads in rural estates that need urgent attention.

PQ61825/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

516. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends on introducing legislation to create a specific criminal offence for driving on the wrong side of the motorway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62825/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

517. To ask the Minister for Transport his current plan for the introduction of legislation to ensure the welfare of horses being used to provide horse-drawn carriage services for tourists in Dublin city centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60974/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

518. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the introduction of legislation regulating horse drawn carriages; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60968/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

519. To ask the Minister for Transport further to previous correspondence regarding the Route 275 service between Dingle and Tralee, if the NTA will examine the feasibility of allowing the bus which is understood to depart Dingle at approximately 11pm and travel towards Tralee while out of service to carry passengers; if consideration will be given to the transport needs of healthcare workers, hospitality workers and other late-shift workers, as well as residents and visitors in Dingle and surrounding communities (details supplied).

PQ62858/26 | PA DALY

520. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will direct an organisation (details supplied) to accept the transport of live exports given that the organisation is using ports that are publicly owned.

PQ62809/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

521. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the roll out of EV charging infrastructure; the targets which have been set; the estimated date for reaching those targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62901/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

522. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority has assessed the additional costs incurred by Galway bus passengers who are required to make transfers between services due to the current network design and who cannot avail of an integrated fare system; and if he will provide the findings of any such assessment.

PQ62921/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

523. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the 90-minute TFI fare will be extended to Galway city bus services; if this possibility has been assessed by the National Transport Authority; and if he will provide a timeline for any planned implementation.

PQ62920/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

524. To ask the Minister for Transport the operational reasons passengers on Galway city bus services are generally required to exit through the front door rather than using middle doors where available; whether this policy has been reviewed by the National Transport Authority or Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62919/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

525. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration is being given to installing additional Leap card validators on Galway city buses to improve boarding efficiency and reduce delays at bus stops; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62918/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

526. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority has assessed the impact of front-door-only boarding on bus punctuality, dwell times and service reliability in Galway city; and if he will provide the findings of any such assessment.

PQ62917/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

527. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority maintains records on instances where passengers are refused boarding on public bus services due to the unavailability of wheelchair or pram spaces or the bus being at passenger capacity; whether such data has been collected for Galway city services for the last 12 months of city services, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62931/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

528. To ask the Minister for Transport the interim measures are planned by the National Transport Authority to address capacity pressures on bus routes serving western Galway, including Knocknacarra and Route 412, 411, 410 during peak hours, prior to the introduction of the new BusConnects Galway network and fleet from 2027 onwards and accounting for these routes soon going to tender are there plans to increase frequency of these services during peak hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62930/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

529. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority intends to review the timetabling of Galway city bus services under the BusConnects Network Redesign and timetable to ensure that early morning services connect with the first rail departures from Ceannt Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62929/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

530. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority, in conjunction with Galway City Council, has examined the feasibility of extending planned 41 and 42 service under the Galway BusConnects Network redesign along the Western Distributor Road into Knocknacarra towards Cappagh Park in order to improve connectivity to employment centres in Ballybrit, Parkmore, Mervue and Merlin Park and to account for the planned P&R facility at Cappagh Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62928/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

531. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority has plans to require bus operators to immediately publish service cancellations and significant delays through the TFI Live platform and on-street passenger information systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62926/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

532. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he is aware of reports that Galway bus passengers are encountering instances whereby real-time passenger information displays and the TFI Live system fail to accurately reflect delays or cancellations; whether the National Transport Authority intends to mandate the provision of verified live GPS tracking data from bus operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62925/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

533. To ask the Minister for Transport the accessibility specifications that will apply to the new bus fleet planned for Galway city services from 2027 onwards; whether the National Transport Authority will provide for multiple flexible-use spaces, including dedicated buggy/pram areas separate from wheelchair spaces as part of the procurement process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62924/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

534. To ask the Minister for Transport his position on the NTA's announcement that there will be no new bus services delivered in Limerick in 2026 due to a funding shortfall; and if his Department will ensure that funding is allocated to the NTA for a bus service at a location(details supplied).

PQ62993/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

535. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the implementation of the Programme for Government commitment to establish a hub at Shannon Airport for the testing of new aviation technologies and the development of a National Sustainable Aviation Fuel Policy Roadmap; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62971/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

536. To ask the Minister for Transport the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62951/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

537. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority intends to develop a QR code-based reporting system at bus stops and on public service vehicles to allow passengers to quickly report incidents including service cancellations, overcrowding, refusal of boarding due to capacity constraints, damaged bus shelters, accessibility issues, or inaccurate real-time passenger information; whether data collected through such a system could be used to inform service planning and performance monitoring; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62939/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

538. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority has considered the installation of QR codes at bus stops throughout Galway city and county which, when scanned by passengers, would provide direct access to real-time bus location, service disruption, and timetable information relevant to that stop; whether such a measure has been assessed as a cost-effective means of improving passenger information, particularly for tourists and occasional users; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62938/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

539. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his Department's development of a grant based scheme for disabled drivers and disabled passengers; if such work is being prioritised; if there is a timeline available for the completion of the proposal; when it is likely a new scheme will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63025/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

540. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider an additional M50 exit to support the development of Dunsink landbank; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63085/26 | EMER CURRIE

541. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Transport Appraisal Framework and National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland require or permit reasonable combinations of measures to be considered during option development.

PQ63094/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

542. To ask the Minister for Transport the body responsible for ensuring compliance with the Transport Appraisal Framework before the Department's first formal decision gate; and the mechanism exists to examine concerns about the evidence used to eliminate reasonable options before the option set is narrowed further.

PQ63093/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

543. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there is a mandatory pass/fail criterion regarding AADT or the traffic-reduction benchmark under the Transport Appraisal Framework; and whether an option may appropriately be eliminated for failing to achieve it on a standalone basis.

PQ63092/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

544. To ask the Minister for Transport the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62978/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

545. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any review ongoing of legislation related to the allowance for members of An Garda Síochána to engage in the high speed pursuit of vehicles driving the wrong way on any road; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61959/26 | BARRY WARD

546. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any review ongoing of legislation related to the allowance for members of An Garda Síochána to engage in the high speed pursuit of vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61958/26 | BARRY WARD

547. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration has been given to the installation of one-way directional traffic control devices, commonly known as 'Tiger Teeth' at appropriate motorway access points to prevent vehicles entering a motorway in the wrong direction; and whether any assessment has been undertaken of the safety, legal and operational implications of their use on the national road network.

PQ63142/26 | PA DALY

548. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the conditions for disabled parking permits; and the criteria used to assess these applications (details supplied).

PQ63177/26 | MARIAN HARKIN

549. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review an application for a person (details supplied) for a disabled parking permit.

PQ63174/26 | MARIAN HARKIN

550. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being considered to increase parking capacity at Sligo Mac Diarmada Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63181/26 | EAMON SCANLON

551. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on proposals for the provision of a roof or canopy at Sligo Mac Diarmada Station; when construction is expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63180/26 | EAMON SCANLON

552. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on plans to restore onboard catering services on the Sligo-Dublin rail line; if consideration is being given to introducing a pilot service similar to that recently commenced on selected Galway-Dublin services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63179/26 | EAMON SCANLON

553. To ask the Minister for Transport to clarify if a similar scheme to the disabled parking scheme is being developed or has been developed for carers, parents and guardians of persons and children that have a permanent condition or disability that does not severely restrict their ability to walk but manifests in other ways.

PQ63191/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

554. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has considered introducing a public awareness campaign highlighting the dangers of pedestrians using mobile phones and being distracted while crossing roads (details supplied; if data is available on pedestrian collisions where mobile phone distraction was identified as a contributing factor; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63207/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

555. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the proposed Ballinrobe Bypass project in County Mayo, the current status of the scheme; the timeline for progressing planning and development; and if he is aware of concerns that the prolonged uncertainty surrounding the proposed route is restricting local residents from obtaining planning permission for housing developments in the affected areas.

PQ63205/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

556. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is intended to re-open the waiting room, restroom and related facilities at Clonmel Railway Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63300/26 | SEAMUS HEALY

557. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is intended to commence and complete the external works at Clonmel Railway Station; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63299/26 | SEAMUS HEALY

558. To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to review and modernise the design and security features of the Irish Seafarer's Discharge Book; and when the document was last reviewed or updated.

PQ63331/26 | PA DALY

559. To ask the Minister for Transport whether Transport Infrastructure Ireland maintains a ranking of motorway junctions by risk of wrong-way entry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63361/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

560. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63359/26 | GED NASH

561. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of complaints received by the NTA on the insufficient capacity of the 424 bus service in County Galway.

PQ63242/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

562. To ask the Minister for Transport which document is to be treated as the authoritative fare and expense record where the amount shown on an app transaction differs from the amount shown on the statutory taximeter receipt, and whether the transparency and reconciliation of app-controlled fares against the statutory taximeter receipt will be expressly addressed in the current review of dispatch operator regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63428/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

563. To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of a discounted app fare product (details supplied) reported to be part-funded by the driver and part-funded by the dispatch operator, the amount a driver is required to enter in the discount field of the statutory taximeter receipt, whether the driver-funded element or the total passenger discount; the amount that is to be recorded as the total fare paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63427/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

564. To ask the Minister for Transport the auditable record that is retained of the exact metered figure manually entered by a driver into an app-based dispatch platform at the end of a journey; the way in which a driver is protected in the event that a passenger subsequently claims to have been charged a fare higher than the metered amount that the driver correctly entered into the app; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63426/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

565. To ask the Minister for Transport in the case of an app-based fixed price fare (details supplied) where the passenger is charged the lower of the fixed price or the metered fare, the way in which a driver is expected to accurately calculate and record the discount on the statutory taximeter receipt in circumstances where the driver is not shown the final fare charged to the passenger; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63425/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

566. To ask the Minister for Transport further to the statutory requirement that a taximeter continue to calculate the metered fare even where a lower fare has been agreed, and that the driver print and offer the prescribed taximeter receipt showing the total fare payable together with a designated space for tips, discounts and tolls, whether app-based dispatch operators are required to display to the driver the exact final fare charged to the passenger on each journey; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63424/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

567. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Department will review and update the design and security features of the Irish Seafarer's Discharge Book, having regard to concerns that the current document is outdated and lacks the security features common to comparable documents issued by other maritime states; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63398/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

568. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the TFI Waterford Bus Red Zone Leap Card does not have daily and weekly fare capping as is available in Dublin and Cork.

PQ63392/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

569. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63463/26 | GED NASH

570. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63486/26 | JOE NEVILLE

571. To ask the Minister for Transport the autorotative record when the app truncations and taximeter contain different amount when the customer has been offered a fixed price for the journey; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63505/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

572. To ask the Minister for Transport if an app dispatch operator is expected to show the driver the exact final taxi fare charged to the passenger; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63504/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

573. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on concerns raised by taxi drivers in adhering to SPSV regulations around taximeter receipts given concerns that have been raised (details supplied); if these issues will be expressly addressed in the current review of dispatch operator regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63502/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

574. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a report by the Health and Safety Authority on a complaint (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63521/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

575. To ask the Minister for Transport the procedure for repairing Bus Éireann buses for noise issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63522/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

576. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Bus Éireann buses that have been repaired for noise issues from 2025 to date; the nature of this work; the number of buses that are yet to be done; the depots with buses with noise issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63523/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

577. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated amount it will cost to repair Bus Éireann buses for noise issues from 2025 until completion of work on all buses with these issues; the source of this funding comes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63525/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

578. To ask the Minister for Transport which body holds overall responsibility for coordinating and justifying the combined impact of overlapping BusConnects and MetroLink works in the same location; whether the National Transport Authority accepts responsibility for the modelled traffic consequences of its own BusConnects design decisions where those consequences are published in a Transport Infrastructure Ireland document; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63524/26 | GARY GANNON

579. To ask the Minister for Transport the complete list of public transport services that receive public funding through the provision of PSO support in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63244/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

580. To ask the Minister for Transport the complete list of licenced bus routes in County Galway.

PQ63243/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

581. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the proposed Kylemore Station, Dart SW route; if planning and other statutory approvals have been secured; the estimated cost of progressing the project to tender and construction; the funding allocated to date; the reasons it has not proceeded to tender; whether an updated business case or funding request has been submitted; and the steps and timescale required to secure funding and advance the project, particularly in light of the planned City Edge (40,000 new homes) development and the transport needs of Kylemore, Ballyfermot and Bluebell.

PQ63638/26 | JEN CUMMINS

582. To ask the Minister for Transport to reintroduce the scrappage scheme, for ICE2EV given the last scheme fully sold out within 75 minutes proving high demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63598/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

583. To ask the Minister for Transport to consider extending the W4 bus service from Blanchardstown to the Airport.

PQ63707/26 | EMER CURRIE

584. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of extending the W4 bus service from Blanchardstown to the Airport.

PQ63712/26 | EMER CURRIE

585. To ask the Minister for Transport if the proposed funding envelope for the vehicle adaptation scheme (VAS) will be an additional fund under the budgetary process, distinct from the funding allocated for disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; the proposed maximum grant under VAS; whether motor tax, fuel grant and toll exemptions will be included for VAS recipients; whether supports for people with vision impairment will be included; the proposed consultation process; and the timeline for same.

PQ63714/26 | JOE COONEY

586. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost of storing the fleet of 132 electric buses that have not been brought into use (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63755/26 | BARRY WARD

587. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of electric buses out of the fleet of 132 (details supplied) that are currently in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63756/26 | BARRY WARD

588. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he is taking to ensure that all electric buses are brought into operation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63754/26 | BARRY WARD

589. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any engagement he has had with the NTA in relation to bringing electric buses into use (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63753/26 | BARRY WARD

590. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the N2 Clontibret to Border road scheme; the current stage of the design, Environmental Impact Assessment Report and business case; the expenditure on the project to date; the funding allocated for 2026 and proposed for 2027; the anticipated date for completion of the business case and EIAR; the next formal approval required from Transport Infrastructure Ireland and/or his Department; the anticipated date on which the scheme will proceed to the statutory planning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63752/26 | MATT CARTHY

591. To ask the Minister for Transport the expenditure on the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney road scheme in each year since 2020; the reason the project was suspended; the stages which remain to be completed before the project can proceed to statutory planning; the indicative overall project cost; and if it remains Government policy to deliver the scheme.

PQ63751/26 | MATT CARTHY

592. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the N2 Ardee to Castleblayney road scheme; whether he has received proposals from Monaghan County Council and/or Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the completion of Phase 3 design; the funding required to complete that phase; whether he will sanction the necessary funding to allow the project to progress; the timeframe for a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63750/26 | MATT CARTHY

593. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland has completed its consideration of the alternative flood-resilient construction options submitted by Monaghan County Council for the Smithborough to Clones section of the Ulster Canal Greenway, following confirmation that approximately 4.1 kilometres of the preferred route is at risk of flooding; which option is proposed to be progressed; the additional cost arising from the requirement for flood-resilient construction; whether additional funding will be provided; when a decision will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63749/26 | MATT CARTHY

594. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the Ulster Canal Greenway between Monaghan and the Border; the current stage of the TII approval process; when approval is expected to be provided to Monaghan County Council to proceed to the Part 8 planning process; the funding allocated and expended on the project to date; the estimated funding required to complete the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63748/26 | MATT CARTHY

595. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the preliminary design report submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland in respect of the N2 Tullyvaragh Junction improvement scheme; the date on which it was received; the further approvals required before construction can proceed; the projected cost and funding provision for the scheme; the expected timeline for progression to construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63747/26 | MATT CARTHY

596. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the preliminary design report submitted by Monaghan County Council to Transport Infrastructure Ireland in respect of the proposed N2 Park and Share facility at Carrickmacross; the date the report was received; the outstanding matters, if any, preventing approval; when approval is expected to issue; the funding allocated for the project in 2026 and 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63746/26 | MATT CARTHY

597. To ask the Minister for Transport if TII has received a request from Monaghan County Council for approval to award the contract for the €3 million N2 Castleshane to Drumhirk pavement rehabilitation scheme; when that request was received; the reason approval has not yet issued; when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63745/26 | MATT CARTHY

598. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of WTE sales account managers and senior accounts managers employed by Iarnród Éireann as of 14 August 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63727/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

599. To ask the Minister for Transport the compensation arrangements that will apply to property owners whose land is acquired for the FourNorth project; if compensation may include impacts on the value or amenity of the retained property; if reasonable costs associated with obtaining independent professional valuation advice will be recoverable; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63817/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

600. To ask the Minister for Transport the compensation arrangements that will apply to property owners whose land is acquired for the FourNorth project; if compensation may include impacts on the value or amenity of the retained property; if reasonable costs associated with obtaining independent professional valuation advice will be recoverable; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63815/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

601. To ask the Minister for Transport the statutory process that will apply where private land is required by compulsory acquisition for the FourNorth project; the rights available to affected property owners to make submissions or objections; the body responsible for determining such objections; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63813/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

602. To ask the Minister for Transport when residents adjoining the Connolly to Malahide rail corridor who may be directly affected by the FourNorth project will be notified; the arrangements for direct engagement with those residents before the emerging preferred option is finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63812/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

603. To ask the Minister for Transport if alternatives to the acquisition of residential properties or private gardens are being examined in the development of the FourNorth project, including the use of non-residential land where feasible; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63811/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

604. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional land currently expected to be required for the FourNorth project; the locations along the corridor where land acquisition may be necessary; if residential properties or private gardens may be affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63810/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

605. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on a taxi licence for a person (details supplied).

PQ63828/26 | EMER CURRIE

606. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on concerns that have been raised regarding the fixed fare service for taxi drivers (details supplied).

PQ63830/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

607. To ask the Minister for Transport if the design of the FourNorth project is intended to facilitate future rail infrastructure or expansion; if any additional land is being safeguarded or considered for acquisition for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63819/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

608. To ask the Minister for Transport the policies in place to promote the commuter uptake of sustainable shared mobility solutions, including public bike-share schemes, car-share services and taxi journeys linked to public transport use; whether any new proposals have been considered in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63852/26 | EMER CURRIE

609. To ask the Minister for Transport the locations affected by the reported pause in the shared mobility hubs pilot programme; whether the approved pilots in five locations nationwide remain Government policy; the status of each pilot; and the revised timelines for implementation.

PQ63851/26 | EMER CURRIE

610. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent of the reported pause in the shared mobility hubs pilot programme; whether the review applies to the wider pilot scheme rather than solely to public e-scooter elements; if so, the rationale for pausing or reviewing the broader programme where the concerns cited by Government relate specifically to public e-scooters; whether consideration has been given to allowing the bike-sharing, e-bike, cargo-bike and electric vehicle elements of the pilot to proceed independently of any e-scooter component; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ63849/26 | EMER CURRIE

611. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of electric buses out of the fleet of 132 (details supplied) that have never been in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63757/26 | BARRY WARD

612. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority will fund the replacement of plastic shelters on the roof areas between platforms 6 and 7 at Connolly Station.

PQ63725/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

613. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the mechanisms in place to ensure that there is not a repeat of the situation whereby 132 electric buses were purchased by the NTA but could not be put into use (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63761/26 | BARRY WARD

614. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the timeline for the fleet of 132 electric buses (details supplied) to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63759/26 | BARRY WARD

615. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the planned upgrade of Clonmel Railway Station, following the granting of planning permission; the current status of the project, including funding and procurement; when construction is expected to commence and be completed; and if he will ensure that this important accessibility and transport interchange project is progressed without further delay.

PQ63897/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

616. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will introduce regulations or legislation requiring courts to disclose driving convictions to insurance companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60088/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

617. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications received under the road transporters support scheme; the number of applications received from coach and bus operators and from haulage operators respectively; the total value of payments made to date; the value of payments made to coach and bus operators and to haulage operators respectively; the number and value of payments made to LPSV operators; the number and value of applications currently awaiting payment.

PQ63990/26 | EMER CURRIE

618. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any disciplinary, performance-management or other accountability process has been undertaken in respect of the management of the failed Iarnród Éireann Traffic Management System project; if so, the number of such processes undertaken; if not, the reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64003/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

619. To ask the Minister for Transport to identify each Iarnród Éireann capital project, service expansion or other investment which has been or is expected to be rephased, postponed or reprioritised arising from expenditure associated with the failed Traffic Management System project and/or increased costs associated with the National Train Control Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64004/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

620. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of staff, by role, recruited in AirNav from 2024 to date; and the number and class of roles which remain unfilled currently, in tabular form.

PQ63968/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

621. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a full breakdown of costs for recruitment and advertising campaigns by AirNav, by item, from 2024 to date, in tabular form.

PQ63967/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

622. To ask the Minister for Transport if an updated cost-benefit analysis of MetroLink is being carried out to take account of the revised cost of the project and the increase in population and employment since the original business case was prepared; when this analysis will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64016/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

623. To ask the Minister for Transport whether any planned enhancement to Cork commuter rail services, Cork-Dublin rail services or associated rail infrastructure will be delayed, rephased or otherwise affected by additional expenditure associated with the failed Iarnród Éireann Traffic Management System project or increased costs associated with the National Train Control Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64005/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

624. To ask the Minister for Transport if the economic assessment of MetroLink will take account of the potential for additional housing and development around stations as a result of the increased public transport capacity provided by the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64018/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

625. To ask the Minister for Transport the total expenditure by Iarnród Éireann on information technology and digital transformation projects which have been abandoned, terminated, substantially written down or replaced prior to full implementation in each of the years 2015 to 2026; to identify the projects concerned; the expenditure associated with each; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64007/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

626. To ask the Minister for Transport further to reports (details supplied), that the National Transport Authority does not currently have sufficient funding to provide new public transport services in 2026 and that discussions are underway regarding its funding allocation for 2027, whether he will ensure that sufficient funding is provided in Budget 2027 to allow the next phase of the Towns Programme to proceed, including the provision of a town bus service for Tullamore; the estimated additional annual funding required to introduce such a service in Tullamore; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64103/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

627. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 552 of 27 July 2026, for an update on the further feasibility studies for the proposed Tullamore town bus Service.

PQ64094/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

628. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Vehicle and Driver Bill 2026 which was approved by Government on 15 April 2025 has been drafted; if there are plans to include additional provisions in the drafting of the Bill; and the proposed timeframe for publication and progression through the Houses of the Oireachtas.

PQ64109/26 | EMER CURRIE

629. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is transferring the ownership of the driver file element of the National Vehicle and Driver File (NVDF) to the RSA; if a new reform policy has been approved by the Government on this; the proposed date for the RSA to be given full responsibility for all driver related services and records including the testing and licencing of drivers and management of penalty point offences; the timeline for these driver file changes; and if legislation is required to underpin these changes.

PQ64108/26 | EMER CURRIE

630. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority has written out to all second permit holders to give them notice that from 1 November 2026 they must sit a driving test to get a third permit.

PQ64107/26 | EMER CURRIE

631. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of proposals to provide improved bus stopping facilities and shelters serving Mallow General Hospital on the N20; whether the project is included on a National Transport Authority priority programme; the anticipated delivery date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64119/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

632. To ask the Minister for Transport whether the National Transport Authority has undertaken an assessment of the case for a dedicated urban bus service for Mallow, County Cork; the outcome of any such assessment; whether funding has been identified for such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64118/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

633. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount expended on maintenance, pavement renewal and rehabilitation of the existing N20 between Cork city and Mallow in each year from 2021 to 2026; the works planned for 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64116/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

634. To ask the Minister for Transport the current estimated total cost of delivering the N72/N73 Mallow Relief Road; the expenditure on the project to date; the expenditure projected for 2027; how the current estimated cost compares with previous estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64114/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

635. To ask the Minister for Transport the expenditure incurred by Iarnród Éireann on external legal advice, consultancy, technical advice, reviews, arbitration, mediation or other dispute-resolution processes relating to the failed Traffic Management System project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64125/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

636. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount recovered to date from contractors or other parties arising from the failed Iarnród Éireann Traffic Management System project; whether further recovery is being pursued; the total amount which Iarnród Éireann or the State is seeking to recover; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64124/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

637. To ask the Minister for Transport the total expenditure incurred to date on the failed Iarnród Éireann Traffic Management System project; the amount written off; the additional expenditure now estimated to be necessary to procure and implement a replacement traffic management system; the resulting total estimated Exchequer exposure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64123/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

638. To ask the Minister for Transport the original approved budget for the National Train Control Centre; the expenditure incurred to date; the current estimated final cost; the reasons for any increase in projected expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64122/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

639. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the N72/N73 Mallow relief road; the date on which the preliminary business case was or is expected to be submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland; the expected date for submission of a planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála; the timeframe for planning, procurement and commencement of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64111/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

640. To ask the Minister for Transport the provisions in place, to expedite the issuing of replacement driving licences for returning emigrants who require their licences for work.

PQ64078/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

641. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the Government's proposal to introduce a registration system for e-scooters; whether it remains the intention that all e-scooters used in public places will be required to be registered to an identifiable owner; and the proposed timeline for the introduction and commencement of such a system.

PQ64073/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

642. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons for the delay in increasing the minimum legal age for the use of an e-scooter in a public place from 16 to 18 years-of-age; and the anticipated date on which the increased age limit will now come into force.

PQ64074/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

643. To ask the Minister for Transport if An Garda Síochána has doubled fees to retrieve impounded vehicles, including scramblers; if so, the date on which the fee increase came into effect; the date on which the fee increase will also apply to E-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64106/26 | EMER CURRIE

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644. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59559/26 | CAROL NOLAN

645. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide a breakdown of the €225 fee charged in cases where Revenue enforcement proceedings are initiated through a sheriff or debt collection process; if this fee reflects the cost of issuing a demand letter alone or includes other actions; whether he is satisfied that a charge of €225 is proportionate in circumstances where taxpayers subsequently discharge the outstanding liability immediately upon receipt of the demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59586/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

646. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of cases in which the Revenue Commissioners referred tax liabilities to the Sheriff for enforcement in each of the past five years, by taxpayer category, county and tax head; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59602/26 | SORCA CLARKE

647. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the Revenue Commissioners has procedures in place to suspend or withdraw Sheriff enforcement where a taxpayer has made a payment immediately prior to the issue or execution of a Sheriff warrant; whether associated Sheriff costs may be waived in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59604/26 | SORCA CLARKE

648. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has engaged with the Revenue Commissioner regarding the impact of debt enforcement action on otherwise viable small and medium-sized businesses experiencing temporary cash flow difficulties, particularly in the construction sector where delayed payment is common; whether consideration will be given to greater flexibility before Sheriff enforcement is initiated where taxpayers are actively engaging with Revenue Commissioners and making payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59607/26 | SORCA CLARKE

649. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of final demand notices issued during 2025; the average number of days after the issuing of the final demand notice to payment being submitted to the Revenue Commissioners; the average number of tax periods which were referred to the sheriff after full payment was submitted to Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59622/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

650. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details of the third party waste disposal company which Revenue contracts to handle and dispose of discarded nitrous oxide canisters; if these canisters are recycled in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59625/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

651. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will introduce a permanent 8% Section 481 regional uplift for productions filming outside the Dublin metropolitan area including Ashford (DMAA) either as part of Budget 2027 or otherwise; and if they will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59722/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

652. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 824 of 28 July 2026, to provide a full list of all of Ireland Strategic Investment Fund's (ISIF) investments impacted by its divestment programmes and excluded investments from the Fund, as referenced; the value of each investment and the date that ISIF's holdings in each investment was sold, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59748/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

653. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has plans to increase the income tax exemption limits for persons aged 65 years and over, which have remained at €18,000 for a single person and €36,000 for a married couple/civil partners since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59811/26 | JOHN LAHART

654. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is considering extending help to buy scheme to 'fresh start' applicants who are attempting to purchase a new home following divorce or judicial separation and where there is no other financial interest in a property; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59864/26 | GED NASH

655. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which he plans to monitor and change spending in non-voted expenditure.

PQ59991/26 | EOIN HAYES

656. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider amending the current income tax relief provisions for long-term leasing of agricultural land to permit leases between related parties to qualify for the relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60005/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

657. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated amount of corporation tax foregone to the Exchequer in each of the years 2019 to 2025 inclusive by reason of the carry forward of trading losses under section 396 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 by institutions which received State support during the banking crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60167/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

658. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount returned to the Exchequer to date from the State's investment in the banking sector, disaggregated by share sales, dividends, guarantee fees, coupon and other payments and the bank levy; the total amount of State support provided to that sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60175/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

659. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will outline the current status of section 396C of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 relating to relief from corporation tax for losses of participating institutions; the date on which and the enactment by which that section was amended or repealed; whether his Department has conducted any review of that decision since; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60172/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

660. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount collected from the bank levy in each year since its introduction; the number of institutions liable to the levy in each such year; the projected yield for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60173/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

661. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans for changes to exchange traded funds; if he plans to abolish the eight-year deemed disposal regime, align the tax rate more closely with capital gains tax, allow normal loss relief and simplify the reporting and administrative requirements

PQ60406/26 | CATHAL CROWE

662. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to the Government announcement of 28 April 2026 approving the statutory "Right to be Forgotten" legislation for cancer survivors, the timeline for enactment and commencement of the legislation; whether he expects the legislation to be operational in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60411/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

663. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to urgently address an inheritance tax proposal (details supplied); and will the make a statement on the matter.

PQ60554/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

664. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of taxpayer units aged 65 years and over who availed of the income tax age exemption provided for under section 188 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; the number who availed of associated marginal relief, in each year from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60524/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

665. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated first year and full year cost to the Exchequer of increasing the income tax age exemption limits from €18,000 to €20,000 for a single person and from €36,000 to €40,000 for a married couple or civil partners jointly assessed; the estimated cost of increases at €500 intervals between the current and those levels, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60527/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

666. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the income level at which a single person in receipt of PAYE income, and a married couple or civil partners jointly assessed both in receipt of PAYE income, first became liable to income tax in each year from 2010 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60531/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

667. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will examine the income tax age exemption limits in advance of Budget 2027 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60534/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

668. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 740 of 28 July 2026, the costs of berthing, maintaining and crewing the vessel MV Matthew, broken down by calendar year for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026; if he will provide those costs updated to the actual date of the vessel's disposal on 18 July 2026, given that the figures supplied ran only to the end of June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60559/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

669. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No.741 of 28 July 2026, the date on which the nominal consideration of one US dollar for the vessel MV Matthew was agreed; the date on which his Department was informed of that consideration; the reason that figure was not disclosed to Dáil Éireann when the disposal of the vessel was addressed in the House; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60570/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

670. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 744 of 28 July 2026, the identity of the international shipping company that acquired the vessel MV Matthew and the jurisdiction in which that company is registered; whether the disposal terms required scrappage or permitted the vessel to return to commercial service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60574/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

671. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 743 of 28 July 2026, whether a competitive tender or open sales process was conducted in respect of the disposal of the vessel MV Matthew; the number of expressions of interest and formal bids received; the criteria applied in selecting the purchaser; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60576/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

672. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 742 of 28 July 2026, the date on which the vessel MV Matthew was cleared for disposal by court order; the estimated cost to the State arising from the period between that clearance and the removal of the vessel from the Port of Cork on 18 July 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60580/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

673. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 651 of 28 July 2026, whether any application has been made, or is intended to be made, to recover the costs incurred by the State in maintaining the vessel MV Matthew from any person convicted in connection with the seizure of controlled drugs from that vessel; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60583/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

674. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 745 of 28 July 2026, whether the Revenue Commissioners intend to establish a protocol, framework or standing procedure governing the custody, maintenance and disposal of large commercial vessels seized in the course of criminal investigations, arising from the experience of the MV Matthew; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60588/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

675. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60677/26 | GED NASH

676. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount recovered by the Revenue Commissioners through shadow economy and blackmarket compliance interventions in each year from 2021 to date in 2026; the number of cases pursued in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60691/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

677. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will provide the yield recovered, in euro, broken down by economic sector, for shadow economy interventions in 2025 and in 2026 to date, given that published figures to date report sectoral activity by case share rather than by yield; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60692/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

678. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of Revenue staff, expressed in whole-time equivalents, assigned to shadow economy and black market enforcement in each year from 2021 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60695/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

679. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current estimate held by the Revenue Commissioners of the tax foregone to the Exchequer through shadow economy activity; the methodology and base year underpinning that estimate; the date on which it was last updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60696/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

680. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the specific additional enforcement activity planned by the Revenue Commissioners in respect of the shadow economy over the coming eighteen months; whether any additional statutory powers or resources have been sought to support that activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60699/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

681. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he intends to strengthen commission disclosure, conflict of interest rules or suitability requirements in cases where regulated intermediaries recommend unregulated investment products to pension investors; if he has assessed whether current disclosure obligations are sufficient to protect consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60796/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

682. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the current regulatory framework adequately protects pension investors where regulated financial advisers recommend unregulated, illiquid or high risk investment products; if he will consider restricting or prohibiting such recommendations within pension structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60791/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

683. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will examine the need for a more accessible compensation or redress mechanism for consumers who suffer losses after receiving unsuitable regulated financial advice that results in investment in unregulated pension products; if he has engaged with the Central Bank on potential reforms in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60811/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

684. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for a detailed response to issues raised in relation to the new savings and investments scheme in Budget 2027 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60814/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

685. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount lent and the share of lending, by value from the HBFi that went to projects over €20 million and €50 million respectively, of completed projects.

PQ61009/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

686. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the breakdown of development sizes, by <50, 50 -110, and >100 units of completed projects, in tabular form.

PQ61013/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

687. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the average price of three-bed houses constructed and sold that were supported by HBFi since the body began lending and by, each individual year, in tabular form.

PQ61018/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

688. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the breakdown of end purchaser of housing units supported by HBFi lending that has been completed, in tabular form.

PQ61022/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

689. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60930/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

690. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance of the 9,258 housing units that have HBFi funding but have 'not yet commenced/other' according to the mid-year update, the number that were approved for funding more than one year ago, two years ago, and three years ago respectively.

PQ61025/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

691. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61044/26 | MATT CARTHY

692. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeframe for the introduction of a requirement for a legal entity identifier on entities availing of the section 110 designation.

PQ60994/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

693. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding the review of capital acquisition tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59868/26 | BARRY WARD

694. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any expert feedback sought as part of the review of capital acquisition tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59873/26 | BARRY WARD

695. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when the adjudication is likely to be completed on a complaint that was submitted to the ombudsman five years ago (details supplied); and if the matter will be expedited.

PQ61177/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

696. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding the issues under consideration as part of the review of capital acquisition tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59874/26 | BARRY WARD

697. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider removing carer's allowance and benefit as taxable payments for the purposes of PAYE, noting the role carer's have in caring for loved ones and the service they provide to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61199/26 | COLM BURKE

698. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has assessed the potential impact of reforming the Asset Covered Securities framework on the competitiveness of Ireland's banking sector, the ability of new entrants to access the Irish covered bond market and the availability and cost of mortgage credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61256/26 | COLM BURKE

699. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the proposed Asset Covered Securities (Amendment) Bill 2026 will provide for a move from the current specialist banking model for the issuance of covered bonds to a universal banking model; the assessment his Department has made of the benefits and risks of such a change; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61255/26 | COLM BURKE

700. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current status of the proposed Asset Covered Securities (Amendment) Bill 2026; the timeframe for publication of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61254/26 | COLM BURKE

701. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing measures requiring mortgage lenders to establish a system whereby the continued existence of buildings insurance on a mortgaged property can be verified directly with the relevant insurance provider, rather than requiring individual mortgage holders to provide annual confirmation of insurance to their lender; if he will consider whether such a system could reduce unnecessary administrative burdens on mortgage holders while ensuring that lenders remain adequately protected in respect of their security; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61188/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

702. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the status of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme (DDS); if his Department intends to maintain the existing vehicle purchase tax reliefs and primary medical certificate criteria through 2027; if he is aware of the public uncertainty and financial anxiety caused to families currently budgeting for or ordering a new vehicle for January 2027; the transitional protections that will be put in place for current certificate holders if any modifications are made to the DDS; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61277/26 | CATHAL CROWE

703. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider altering bank mortgage lending rules to allow for smaller deposits from those who seek to purchase their rented home from their landlord; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60093/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

704. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if VAT is payable by local authorities or approved housing bodies purchasing land for the delivery of social housing.

PQ60146/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

705. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount of corporation tax paid by the banking sector in each of the years 2019 to 2025 inclusive; and the aggregate amount of unused trading losses carried forward by that sector at the end of the most recent year for which figures are available

PQ60166/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

706. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will set out, in respect of banks (details supplied), the deferred tax asset recognised in each institution's most recently published annual report arising from unused trading losses, together with the corporation tax charge and the corporation tax actually paid as disclosed in each of those reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60170/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

707. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to the statement issued by his Department on 30 July 2026 noting shareholder approval of the cash offer for a bank (details supplied) in respect of which the State voted its 57.5% shareholding in favour, if his Department or the Revenue Commissioners have assessed the application of section 401 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 to the unused trading losses carried forward by the bank upon completion of the transaction; the value of those losses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60171/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

708. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 702 and 703 of 28 July 2026, to provide a breakdown of the Dublin figures by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61102/26 | EMER CURRIE

709. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeframe for the establishment of a register of beneficial ownership of companies, industrial and provident societies based within the Companies Registration Office.

PQ60986/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

710. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeframe for introducing mandatory disclosure of the ultimate beneficial owners and controllers of all limited partnerships.

PQ60980/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

711. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeframe for the establishment of a beneficial ownership register of certain financial vehicles based within the Central Bank; and to clarify if this will cover all forms of SPV/SPE.

PQ60982/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

712. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60055/26 | NIALL COLLINS

713. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether an equality impact assessment, disability impact assessment and rural proofing assessment were undertaken prior to the proposed reforms to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will publish the findings.

PQ60838/26 | MARTIN DALY

714. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if alternative compliance measures, including enhanced auditing and targeted enforcement were considered during the development of the proposed reforms to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and the reasons for the approach adopted.

PQ60835/26 | MARTIN DALY

715. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures that will be put in place to ensure that genuine applicants are not disadvantaged by any reforms to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme.

PQ60833/26 | MARTIN DALY

716. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the engagement that has taken place with disability representative organisations in developing the proposed reforms to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and whether further consultation is planned.

PQ60832/26 | MARTIN DALY

717. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has assessed the likely impact of the proposed reforms of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme on people with disabilities living in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60831/26 | MARTIN DALY

718. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the evidence that informed the decision to reform the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and the analysis undertaken by his Department.

PQ60828/26 | MARTIN DALY

719. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the arrangements that will be put in place to ensure continuity of support for existing beneficiaries, if changes to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme are introduced.

PQ60840/26 | MARTIN DALY

720. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has estimated the number of individuals who may be affected by the proposed reforms to the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will provide those estimates.

PQ60839/26 | MARTIN DALY

721. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61361/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

722. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61344/26 | SORCA CLARKE

723. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the practicability of the Form VAT 61A process for disabled persons claiming for VAT paid on certain aids and appliances; if his Department has undertaken a review of the demands of the process for claimants; the average value of individual claims; his plans to simplify the process; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ61366/26 | IVANA BACIK

724. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he acknowledges concerns that the current €42,500 VAT registration threshold for service providers creates a "cliff edge" for sole traders in tourism and other consumer-facing sectors; and whether he intends to address this issue in the forthcoming Budget.

PQ60765/26 | JOHN LAHART

725. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated Exchequer cost of increasing the VAT registration threshold for service-based businesses to €60,000, €75,000 and €85,000 respectively.

PQ60764/26 | JOHN LAHART

726. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will provide details of any analysis undertaken comparing Ireland's VAT registration threshold for services with those applicable in other jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom.

PQ60761/26 | JOHN LAHART

727. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has conducted any assessment of the impact of the current €42,500 VAT registration threshold on sole traders and micro-enterprises operating in business-to-consumer service sectors, including tourism and guiding services.

PQ60760/26 | JOHN LAHART

728. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has considered increasing the VAT registration threshold for service-based businesses, which currently stands at €42,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60759/26 | JOHN LAHART

729. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to report on progress to meet the commitments under the national Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60750/26 | PA DALY

730. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his estimate of the annual loss in VAT and other Exchequer receipts arising from illegal or non-compliant solid fuel trading; and whether additional resources are being considered to strengthen enforcement activities.

PQ60721/26 | PA DALY

731. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to previous Parliamentary Questions, to commence the process to urgently reform the iniquity of the inheritance tax system and ensure equality for all families and loved ones of childless couples and individuals; if he will address the discrimination that currently exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60535/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

732. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has plans to review the motor-tax system for pre-2008 vehicles, in order that they may also be taxed based on CO2 emissions, consistent with the system for vehicles from 2008 to-date; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60430/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

733. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown of the total amount of VRT relief, VAT relief, and fuel grants delivered under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme for 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60424/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

734. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2027 if the Government Stamp duty on credit cards was reduced to €15 per year.

PQ61385/26 | SORCA CLARKE

735. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2027 if stamp duty on each cheque or bill of Exchange was scrapped.

PQ61384/26 | SORCA CLARKE

736. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the circumstances in which land is exempt from, excluded from, or eligible for relief or deferral in respect of the Residential Zoned Land Tax; to provide the relevant legislative references in each case; whether the Government is considering additional exemptions or amendments to the operation of the tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60222/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

737. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeframe for the establishment of a central register of beneficial ownerships of trusts based within the Revenue Commissioners.

PQ60983/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

738. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a breakdown on the total cost of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme for each of the years 2024 and 2025; the amount budgeted for 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60419/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

739. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider equality and discriminatory concerns in relation to inheritance tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61380/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

740. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to review correspondence from a constituent (details supplied) to support the reintroduction of capital gains tax rollover relief for individual investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60408/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

741. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing enhanced tax incentives for SMEs investing in automation, artificial intelligence, robotics, advanced manufacturing equipment and other productivity-enhancing technologies to improve competitiveness and support long-term economic growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60627/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

742. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reforms to the taxation system being considered to better support indigenous SMEs to scale, invest and expand, including whether changes are being examined to ensure the tax system encourages business growth rather than creating barriers to expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60621/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

743. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the €10,000 Benefit-in-Kind Open Market Value relief for company vehicles beyond 2026, rather than allowing it to reduce to €5,000 in 2027 as currently scheduled; the number of PAYE taxpayers estimated to be affected by this reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61697/26 | JOE COONEY

744. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider amending the 80% rule in agricultural leasing and transfers in the agricultural relief asset test as part of Budget 2027; if he will consider a sliding percentage scale rule instead of the 80% which would assist small farm holdings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61623/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

745. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the help to buy scheme to allow two applicants to claim the maximum refund from their income tax or DIRT liabilities, increasing the available support to €30,000 per applicant or €50,000 per couple; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59829/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

746. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will confirm that same sex couples may avail of tax relief in respect of expenses related to assisted human reproductive services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61096/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

747. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the progress on the Programme for Government commitment to examine the tax treatment of production costs for theatre productions.

PQ60458/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

748. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the arrangements that will apply to a person who currently holds relief under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme, and who needs to replace an adapted vehicle, in the event that the scheme is amended or replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61820/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

749. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the fuel grant payable under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme will be retained in full under any revised or replacement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61821/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

750. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if consideration is being given to removing or restricting the relief available to disabled people who purchase and import adapted vehicles from Britain under the disabled drivers and passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61785/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

751. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if it is intended to amend, replace or phase out the disabled drivers and disabled passengers (tax concessions) scheme, or the primary medical certificate on which eligibility is based; if so, the proposed timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61819/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

752. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61582/26 | SORCA CLARKE

753. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeframe for the introduction of legislation to enable the Revenue Commissioners to publish a list of SPEs availing of the section 110 regime of the Taxes Consolidated Act 1997.

PQ60992/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

754. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider increasing tax relief at source for private health insurance, given the price increases being experienced for a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60774/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

755. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance with specific reference to the deemed disposal measure, to provide an update on the development and publication of the roadmap for the taxation of retail investment as announced in Budget 2026; whether he intends to bring forward any changes to the current deemed disposal measure as part of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61859/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

756. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims and the cost to the Exchequer, by county for the most recent year for which figures are available in respect of a tax expenditure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61857/26 | SEAN FLEMING

757. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims and the cost to the exchequer on a county-by-county basis for the most recent year for which figures are available in respect of a tax expenditure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61856/26 | SEAN FLEMING

758. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims and the cost to the exchequer on a county-by-county basis for the most recent year for which figures are available in respect of a tax expenditure (details supplied); and he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61855/26 | SEAN FLEMING

759. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims and the cost to the exchequer on a county-by-county basis for the most recent year for which figures are available in respect of a tax expenditure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61854/26 | SEAN FLEMING

760. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims and the cost to the exchequer on a county-by-county basis for the most recent year for which figures are available in respect of a tax expenditure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61853/26 | SEAN FLEMING

761. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims and the cost to the exchequer on a county-by-county basis for the most recent year for which figures are available in respect of a tax expenditure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61852/26 | SEAN FLEMING

762. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims and the cost to the exchequer on a county-by-county basis for the most recent year for which figures are available in respect of a tax expenditure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61851/26 | SEAN FLEMING

763. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he accepts that genuine farmers may be exposed to residential zoned land tax liabilities despite not seeking residential zoning, continuing agricultural use of their lands and having no realistic prospect of immediate development or sale; if he considers this outcome consistent with the policy objectives of the tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61912/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

764. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners have issued guidance regarding the treatment of lands in active agricultural use that are subject to residential zoned land tax; and whether consideration will be given to publishing further guidance for farmers affected by the tax.

PQ61911/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

765. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of residential zoned land tax exemptions claimed arising from rezoning requests in each year since the introduction of the tax; the number granted and refused, in tabular form.

PQ61910/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

766. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has considered the position of landowners who wish to dispose of residentially zoned lands but are unable to do so due to limited demand in rural towns and villages; whether the residential zoned land tax legislation provides any relief in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61909/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

767. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to introducing a specific exemption, relief or deferral from residential zoned land tax for landowners actively engaged in farming where the lands remain in bona fide agricultural use notwithstanding their residential zoning status; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61908/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

768. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware of difficulties faced by qualified cohabitants in accessing the capital acquisitions tax exemption (details supplied), including cases where this has delayed mortgage drawdowns; the options available to former cohabitants seeking to transfer assets following an amicable separation without having to take court proceedings; if he will consider reviewing the current provisions to ensure that former cohabitants and unmarried parents are not disadvantaged compared with married couples in similar circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62060/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

769. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether the levy imposed on sound broadcasting services by Coimisiún na Meán is subject to value added tax; whether such value added tax is deductible as an input credit by broadcasters in the ordinary course of business; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62057/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

770. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims made and the total cost to the Exchequer of the relief provided under section 480A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in each of the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62092/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

771. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to adding senior inter-county Gaelic games players to the list of sportspersons specified in Schedule 23A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 for the purposes of the relief provided by section 480A of that Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62091/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

772. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has assessed the proposal of an organisation (details supplied) for a tax relief scheme for senior inter-county Gaelic games players; the estimated annual cost to the Exchequer of such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62090/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

773. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the tax treatment of payments made to players under the Government grant scheme for senior inter-county Gaelic games players; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62088/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

774. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to examine the possibility of an Irish exemption or derogation from the new €3 customs duty on low-value goods from Great Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62121/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

775. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount of Exchequer funding, grants and other public monies provided directly or indirectly to non-governmental organisations headquartered outside the State in each year from 2020 to date; and if he will provide a list of each organisation, its country of registration and the amounts paid.

PQ62134/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

776. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the 100 non-governmental organisations that received the highest levels of public funding in the most recent year for which figures are available; the amount received by each organisation; and the Department, agency or public body from which the funding originated.

PQ62136/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

777. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount of Exchequer funding, grants, service-level agreement funding and other public monies provided to non-governmental organisations in each year from 2020 to date; and if he will provide a list of the recipient organisations; and the amount paid to each organisation in each year.

PQ62137/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

778. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department or the Central Bank has carried out any assessment of the number of borrowers who lost a home through repossession or voluntary surrender following the 2008 financial crisis and who have been unable to access mortgage credit since; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62277/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

779. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the retention period applied to adverse credit records on the Central Credit Register; whether repossessions, voluntary surrenders or mortgage arrears arising from the 2008 to 2013 period are recorded on the Central Credit Register; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62276/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

780. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will examine the absence of any tax support for grieving parents who were cohabiting at the time of their partner's death; if he will consider a review of the widowed parent tax credit to assess whether its eligibility criteria adequately reflect modern family structures; and his plans to address this policy gap in order that bereaved cohabiting parents with dependent children are not left without comparable support.

PQ62314/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

781. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will clarify the practical operation of the capital acquisitions tax exemption for qualified cohabitants under Part 15 of the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010; the process by which a qualified cohabitant may obtain a court order enabling a tax exempt transfer of assets in circumstances where both parties are in agreement; the reason such orders appear to be inaccessible in situations where cohabitants are not in dispute (details supplied); and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ62323/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

782. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the parameters, criteria, or operational guidelines under which the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman prioritises complaints within its case handling process; if he is satisfied that the current approach provides sufficient transparency for complainants; the steps being taken to ensure that prioritisation decisions are subject to clear, published standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62343/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

783. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware of concerns that the new €3 customs duty on low-value imports from outside the EU may disproportionately impact consumers who rely on overseas purchases due to limited availability of certain goods in Ireland, including plus-size clothing; and if he will consider exemptions or other measures for affected consumers.

PQ62359/26 | JOHN LAHART

784. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if an assessment has been carried out of the impact of the new €3 customs duty on low-value imports on consumers who have no reasonable Irish or EU alternative for essential purchases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62360/26 | JOHN LAHART

785. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps being taken to address circumstances where homeowners or prospective homeowners are unable to obtain buildings insurance because a property is located within a designated flood-risk area, with particular reference to the impact this is having on access to mortgage finance; if he will examine the interaction between insurance availability and mortgage lending in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62378/26 | CHARLES WARD

786. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has engaged with the Central Bank and mortgage lenders regarding the circumstances in which a mortgage application is refused or cannot proceed because the applicant cannot obtain flood insurance for the property being purchased; if mortgage lenders have a uniform policy in relation to properties located within flood-risk zones; if lenders are required to refuse mortgage finance where flood cover is unavailable; if alternative forms of risk mitigation or security can be accepted in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62379/26 | CHARLES WARD

787. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the proposal by the Finnish Government in relation to providing for a seed investment account for all newborns in Finland (details supplied); if a similar scheme has been considered in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62392/26 | BARRY WARD

788. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the proposal by the Portuguese Government in relation to providing for a seed investment account for all newborns in Portugal (details supplied); if a similar scheme has been considered in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62393/26 | BARRY WARD

789. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance in the context of the soon to be commenced Insurance (Disregard of Certain Medical History and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026, if an application submitted before the 15 October 2026 commencement date but underwritten after 15 October 2026 will fall under the terms of the new legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62487/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

790. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department is undertaking, or plans to undertake, a review of the help to buy scheme; whether consideration is being given to reducing or amending the minimum loan-to-value mortgage requirement for eligibility under the scheme to assist first-time buyers and self-build applicants who are unable to secure borrowing at the current threshold despite having planning permission and financing in place; whether retrospective measures have been considered for applicants who were excluded under the existing criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62502/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

791. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with a group (details supplied), in relation to their campaign to amend inheritance tax parameters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62454/26 | BARRY WARD

792. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding the review of inheritance tax in Ireland; the consultation with experts in this field as part of that process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62453/26 | BARRY WARD

793. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the merits of amending existing inheritance tax parameters; if the existing relationship category thresholds can be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62452/26 | BARRY WARD

794. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding research carried out by his Department into amending Capital Acquisitions Tax exemption levels and related group thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62451/26 | BARRY WARD

795. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on whether the help to buy scheme is operating as efficiently as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61951/26 | BARRY WARD

796. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has carried out any assessment of the impact on Ireland of a potential sovereign debt crisis in the United States.

PQ62731/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

797. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether a review of the help-to-buy scheme is currently planned; whether consideration is being given to revising the eligibility criteria, particularly the requirement that applicants obtain a mortgage at or above a specified percentage of the property's value; whether consideration has been given to the difficulties this requirement creates for lower-income earners and self-build applicants who may qualify for smaller loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62501/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

798. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider an amendment to the Section 481 film tax credit in the upcoming Budget to introduce a permanent 8% regional uplift for audio-visual productions based outside the Dublin metropolitan area and Ashford (DMAA) corridor; and if he has engaged with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the 10% to 12% additional cost burden associated with regional filming

PQ62743/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

799. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any review of the help to buy scheme that would account for a couple seeking to buy a house where only one has previously owned property, resulting in the couple not being in a position to qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61954/26 | BARRY WARD

800. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the help to buy scheme (details supplied); if any flexibility possible in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61953/26 | BARRY WARD

801. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any review ongoing of the help to buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61950/26 | BARRY WARD

802. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has considered the treatment of virtual fencing technology under the Value-Added Tax (Flat-Rate Farmers) Refund Order (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59792/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

803. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has engaged with organisations (details supplied) regarding the potential for credit unions to provide solicitor client-account services; whether any legislative or regulatory barriers have been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62894/26 | JOE COONEY

804. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 732 of 25 March 2026, for an update on his Department's consideration of any technological solutions to identify vehicles on the roads with illegal licence plates with a view of improving enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62923/26 | EMER CURRIE

805. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62943/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

806. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he acknowledges that the current taxation treatment of rental income is a significant barrier to the viability of smaller private landlords and is contributing to landlords exiting the rental market; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63050/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

807. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider targeted taxation reform for small and medium-sized private landlords as part of Budget 2027, with a view to improving the viability of the sector and protecting the supply of private rental accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63051/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

808. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62979/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

809. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason the disabled drivers and disabled passengers (tax concessions) regulations 1994 (Statutory Instrument No. 353 of 1994) and section 92 of the Finance Act 1989, operating as part of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme exclude blind passengers; when the regulations will be amended to include severe visual impairment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63216/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

810. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he intends to amend the regulations governing the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme to provide eligibility for persons who are legally blind or severely visually impaired; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63235/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

811. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of applications for a primary medical certificate that were refused on the grounds that the applicant's disability related solely or primarily to visual impairment in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63234/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

812. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the eligibility criteria governing the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme adequately reflect the transport needs of persons who, due to blindness or severe visual impairment, are unable to drive and are dependent on others for transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63233/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

813. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will outline the rationale for the continued exclusion of persons who are legally blind or severely visually impaired from eligibility for a primary medical certificate under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63231/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

814. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has undertaken any review of the eligibility criteria for the primary medical certificate in the past five years; if consideration has been given to the inclusion of persons with severe visual impairments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63232/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

815. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether an increase in the rate of excise duty on e-liquids is being considered as part of Budget 2027; whether such an increase would represent a deviation from the advice outlined in the Tax Strategy Group papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63227/26 | ANN GRAVES

816. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the consideration by Government of targeted supports for the licensed on-trade sector as part of preparations for Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63324/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

817. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the impact the new €3 customs duty will have on people with disabilities and chronic illnesses who depend on health-related products purchased from suppliers outside the EU; if his Department will seek exemptions to this duty for these products; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63328/26 | PAUL MURPHY

818. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the details on the amount of revenue generated for the Exchequer each year since 2016 to 2025 inclusive, under the exit tax charged on investments under the eight year deemed disposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63338/26 | GED NASH

819. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63350/26 | GED NASH

820. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the consideration that has been given to introducing targeted measures in Budget 2027 to support the viability of pubs in rural communities.

PQ63362/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

821. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to broadening the qualifying conditions for the seafarers' allowance, which as currently drafted are confined to seafarers employed on EU-registered vessels used solely for the carriage of passengers or cargo for reward, so as to reflect the realities of contemporary maritime employment including crew serving on yachts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63397/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

822. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the seafarers' allowance, introduced in 1998, has been reviewed or uprated at any point since its introduction; if his Department has carried out, or will carry out, any assessment comparing the relief available to Irish seafarers with the seafarers' earnings deduction available in the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63396/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

823. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of persons who claimed the seafarers' allowance in each of the past five years; the total cost of the allowance to the Exchequer in each of those years; the estimated full-year cost of increasing the allowance from its current level of 6,350 euro to 10,000 euro, to 15,000 euro and to 20,000 euro respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63395/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

824. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to reconcile the Government's stated policy of reducing the cost of fuel for households with the scheduled increase in carbon tax due to take effect on 14 October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63391/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

825. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has advised that the trajectory of scheduled carbon tax increases to 2030 could be examined, revised, paused or deferred; the precise terms of any such advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63389/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

826. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if any analysis, report or advice provided to him in 2025 on carbon tax has set out the projected cumulative effect of scheduled increases on the cost of home-heating oil, coal, gas, petrol and diesel over the period to 2030; the specific figures contained in any such analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63388/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

827. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has, at any point in 2025, examined or modelled the status and future trajectory of carbon tax increases; the date on which any such analysis was commissioned and completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63387/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

828. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current amount of carbon tax applied to a typical 500-litre fill of kerosene home-heating oil; the amount it will rise to following the increase scheduled to take effect on 14 October 2025; the further amounts it is scheduled to reach in each year from 2026 to 2030 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63386/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

829. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware of concerns among skilled workers in the arts and culture sector who are genuinely self-employed contractors on their own account, in respect of the application of the Karshan judgment; if the Revenue Commissioners will continue to engage with the sector on the practical application of the terms of the judgment; if they will continue to keep their guidance under review to minimise the risk of unintended consequences within the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63385/26 | GED NASH

830. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to make changes to the seafarers' allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63372/26 | GED NASH

831. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has engaged with the Department of Health or the Health Information and Quality Authority regarding its current review of tobacco affordability; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63461/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

832. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance in light of the Health Information and Quality Authority's review of tobacco affordability, whether his department will assess the impact of tobacco excise increases on the illicit tobacco market before further increases in excise duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ63462/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

833. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department is concerned that further increases in tobacco excise duty may increase demand for cheaper, illicit tobacco products; if his Department has assessed this risk in advance of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63465/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

834. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has examined the impact of the primary medical certificate eligibility criteria on persons who are legally blind or severely visually impaired; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63237/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

835. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he considers it equitable that persons who are unable to drive due to severe visual impairment remain ineligible for supports available under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme solely due to the fact they do not meet the current mobility-based criteria for a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63238/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

836. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63477/26 | JOE NEVILLE

837. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he plans to legislate to give effect to personal taxation implications of the Supreme Court judgment in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63487/26 | GED NASH

838. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the consideration his Department has given to a proposal (details supplied) in the context of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63517/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

839. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding any research carried out by his Department into the removal of the deemed disposal rule in the context of investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63630/26 | BARRY WARD

840. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the merits of removing the deemed disposal rule in the context of investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63629/26 | BARRY WARD

841. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding his Department-led review of the fund and investment industry in Ireland, including a specific assessment of the deemed disposal rule; if there is a timeline for the implementation of the report's recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63623/26 | BARRY WARD

842. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to urgently address issues with the delay the removal of the deemed disposal (further details); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63670/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

843. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated additional full-year revenue that would be raised if, in addition to the existing rates and bands, a new rate of income tax were applied to the portion of individual income above €250,000, €350,000, €400,000, €500,000 and €1 million respectively, modelled at marginal rates of 70%, 80%, 90% and 100% at each threshold.

PQ63702/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

844. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of taxpayer units with gross income above €150,000, €200,000, €250,000, 300,000, 350,000, €500,000, €750,000, €1 million and €2 million, for the most recent year available; the total gross income of the taxpayer units in each of those ranges; and the aggregate amount of income falling above each of those thresholds.

PQ63701/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

845. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current group thresholds and rate applying to capital acquisitions tax (CAT); the total CAT yield in each of the past five years distinguishing gift tax from inheritance tax; the manner in which benefits are aggregated per beneficiary for threshold purposes and the earliest date from which such aggregation applies; and whether the Revenue Commissioners hold, or can compile, records of the total cumulative benefits received by individual beneficiaries over their lifetime to date.

PQ63696/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

846. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to consider a proposal from an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63711/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

847. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is considering a review of the current capital gains tax treatment of cryptocurrency investments; whether any measures such as increasing the annual capital gains tax exemption or introducing a reduced rate of exemption for assets held over a longer period are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63715/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

848. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if the deemed disposal rule will be removed as part of Budget 2027.

PQ63713/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

849. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of claims for Business Relief and for Agricultural Relief under the Capital Acquisitions Tax code, the total value of the assets to which each relief was applied, the total value of the relief granted that is, tax forgone; the breakdown of each by size of benefit; the number of cases in each year in which the relief reduced to nil, or close to nil, a benefit with a pre-relief taxable value exceeding €1 million, €2 million and €5 million respectively, in each of the past five years.

PQ63693/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

850. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason areas fronting the River Boyne in Drogheda have been excluded from the SRA for the purposes of the application of the Living Cities Initiative; if he will review the mapped area and amend the associated Statutory Instrument accordingly to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63744/26 | GED NASH

851. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide a list of all housing related tax expenditures for buyers, renters, landlords and developers and to provide the annual expenditure for each expenditure from 2020 to 2025 and the individual allocations for 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63739/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

852. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated yield if local property tax rate for band number 16 increased to €2,645, band 17 increased to €3,035, band 18 increased to €3,300 and band 19 increased to €3,590 based on 2025 figures.

PQ63728/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

853. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeline for the publication of legislation to update the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 and Company Law to support tokenisation in the funds industry as set out in the new Ireland for Finance Strategy.

PQ63726/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

854. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of beneficiaries and the total taxable value of benefits taken by way of gift and inheritance, by ranges of cumulative benefit received per beneficiary (details supplied); and to provide data both on a per-benefit basis and on the basis of total benefits aggregated per beneficiary within the relevant group threshold, in each of the past five years.

PQ63691/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

855. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has assessed the increasing income levels required by single first time buyers to purchase a home; the measures being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63589/26 | COLM BURKE

856. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department has examined the effectiveness of the help to buy scheme for single applicants; the proportion of beneficiaries who are single income purchasers; whether any changes to the scheme are being considered to improve affordability for such purchasers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63588/26 | COLM BURKE

857. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether consideration is being given to measures specifically aimed at assisting single income first time buyers who, despite earning above average incomes, are unable to purchase a home due to the gap between incomes and house prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63587/26 | COLM BURKE

858. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has costed the uplift in IUT receipts if deemed disposal was abolished, and disposals which were subject to the longer-term, uninterrupted compounding of investment returns were instead taxed at final encashment.

PQ63833/26 | EMER CURRIE

859. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if existing holders of investment products who are due to face a deemed disposal taxation during 2027 will be exempted or allowed to transfer their investments to a new personal investment account.

PQ63832/26 | EMER CURRIE

860. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an update on the preparation of legislation to support tokenisation in the funds industry as committed to in the new Ireland for Finance Strategy; the timeframe for drafting and publication of the proposed legislation; if the proposed legislative updates will be progressed through one omnibus Bill or separate Bills amending each of the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 and Company Law; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63846/26 | EMER CURRIE

861. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the Government's position on the European Commission's proposal to introduce a new EU own-resource levy on non-collected waste electrical and electronic equipment as part of the 2028–2034 Multiannual Financial Framework; the details of the engagement that has taken place with the Commission and other Member States in relation to the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63845/26 | EMER CURRIE

862. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the timeline for the further consideration of the broader reform of deemed disposal; and if there is still scope to make provision for reform in Budget 2027.

PQ63831/26 | EMER CURRIE

863. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the assessment his Department has made of the appropriate European Union legal framework for the proposed on-trade sustainability scheme; whether it will be considered under State aid rules or under the Alcohol Structures Directive; whether any engagement has taken place or is planned with the European Commission on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63857/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

864. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has costed the proposed on-trade sustainability scheme; the estimated annual Exchequer cost of the scheme as assessed by his Department; the number of licensed premises that would be eligible to benefit; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63856/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

865. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has received representations regarding the introduction of an on-trade sustainability scheme, as proposed by an organisation (details supplied) for the licensed trade; if such a scheme is under consideration in the context of Budget 2027; the assessment that has been made of the proposal to date; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63855/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

866. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to abolishing the deemed disposal rule in respect of investment undertaking tax as part of Budget 2027.

PQ63854/26 | EMER CURRIE

867. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the details of the proposed membership and planned timeline for establishment of the new Digital Assets Industry Group as committed to in the New Ireland for Finance Strategy.

PQ63847/26 | EMER CURRIE

868. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the reason an area (details supplied) which has never flooded is been excluded from the Living Cities Initiative; the reason the river areas were removed from Louth county council's original proposal; the specific Government policy or criteria that resulted in their exclusion; if the decision to exclude them will be reviewed; if the Drogheda Special Regeneration Area will be extended to include suitable properties that were part of the original council proposal; and if individual properties will be considered on their actual circumstances, particularly where there is no history of flooding.

PQ63772/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

869. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether his Department is monitoring the impact of the €3 customs duty on low-value consignments introduced on 1 July 2026 on Irish consumers purchasing goods from Great Britain; whether particular consideration has been given to consumers who rely on the British market for goods not readily available in Ireland, including persons with disabilities and consumers in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63874/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

870. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the thresholds and rates for capital acquisition tax; his views on the appropriate relationship for different categories of recipient; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63907/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

871. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the up-to-date position regarding take up of the landlord relief; the cost of the relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63906/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

872. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the take-up of the mortgage relief scheme; the average value of the relief paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63905/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

873. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department is reviewing the equity of Capital Acquisitions Tax (CAT) relationship bands to better reflect modern Irish family structures; if his attention has been drawn to recent advocacy campaigns highlighting the discriminatory impact of the severely depressed Group B (€40,000) and Group C (€20,000) lifetime thresholds on childless individuals who wish to pass family homes or assets down to nieces, nephews, siblings, or cohabiting partners; and the measures his Department will consider ahead of the upcoming Budget to expand tax-free thresholds for non-lineal descendants.

PQ63580/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

874. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department or the Revenue Commissioner has identified any evidence of Irish retail investment products being used for the purposes of tax avoidance.

PQ64062/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

875. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has identified any other tax jurisdictions in the world which apply a deemed disposal rule, or another form of "guardrail", because it views retail investment as a likely form of tax avoidance.

PQ64060/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

876. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if provision will be made for existing investors to transfer some or all of their investments to new personal investment accounts without being subject to exit tax or other charges.

PQ64058/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

877. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an update on the consideration of exempting occupational pensions from the USC; the way in which occupational pensions differ from State pensions with regard to their tax treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64064/26 | JOHN BRADY

878. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the expected number of Irish individual investors who will be liable to pay taxes in 2027 as a result of the decision to defer the abolition of the deemed disposal rule.

PQ64056/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

879. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to set out the rationale for backtracking on the clear commitment in the funds review to abolish the deemed disposal rule across the board the logic for needing a further detailed consideration of the proposed abolition of the rule when a decision has already been made to abolish the rule in the limited context of new personal investment accounts.

PQ64054/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

880. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount of capital acquisitions tax (CAT) arising from inheritances collected in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by Group A, Group B and Group C beneficiaries, the number of beneficiaries giving rise to a CAT liability within each group in each year; the average and median CAT liability within each group, in tabular form ; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64100/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

881. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the examination undertaken by his Department in 2026 of the adequacy and fairness of the current €40,000 Group B and €20,000 Group C capital acquisitions tax thresholds, particularly in the context of persons without children who wish to leave assets to siblings, nieces, nephews, extended family members or otherwise; whether changes to these thresholds are being considered for Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64101/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

882. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the options relating to capital acquisitions tax presently under consideration by his Department in advance of Budget 2027, including changes to Group A, B and C thresholds, the treatment of persons without children, a possible single lifetime threshold, chosen-beneficiary arrangements, changes to the 33% rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64102/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

883. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on his consideration of a proposal (details supplied) as part of Budget 2027 preparations.

PQ64077/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

884. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63452/26 | GED NASH

885. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated additional revenue that would be raised in a full year if, in addition to the existing rate, higher rates of capital acquisitions tax were applied to the portion of cumulative benefits received by a beneficiary above €1 million, €2 million, €3 million and €5 million respectively; and the estimated revenue effect of applying a rate of 100% to the portion of any beneficiary's cumulative lifetime benefits exceeding €1 million and €2 million respectively.

PQ63694/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

886. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the eligibility criteria for the help to buy (HTB) incentive scheme, to address the exclusion of Irish citizens living permanently in the State who operate as cross-border workers, paying income tax in Northern Ireland but residing in the Republic of Ireland, who are currently disqualified from the scheme due to not having paid a minimum threshold of income tax or Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) directly within the jurisdiction over the preceding four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63578/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

887. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the estimated additional annual receipts to the Exchequer and to the Social Insurance Fund, in income tax, arising from the increases in the national minimum wage since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64438/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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

888. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to list the residential buildings in the estate of the Office of Public Works which are derelict or vacant; and the length of time they have been unoccupied.

PQ59544/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

889. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59560/26 | CAROL NOLAN

890. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether a single system exists linking the budget line that authorises expenditure through to the tender, contract award, purchase order, invoice and final payment across central Government; the proportion of total procurement expenditure that can currently be traced on an end-to-end basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59644/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

891. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether unique identifiers are applied to suppliers, tenders, contracts and payments on a consistent basis across public bodies to allow procurement data to be aggregated and compared; if no such common identifiers exist, the plans in place to introduce them; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59645/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

892. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to set out the procurement spend data collected by the Office of Government Procurement in each year since 2019; whether the collection of project level procurement spend data was reduced or discontinued after 2019; the reason for any such change; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59648/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

893. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of public bodies that report procurement data in a machine readable format and the number that report in non machine readable formats such as PDF; the number of public bodies not currently publishing Contract Award Notices as required; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59651/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

894. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide exemptions for residents in areas of Shannon County Clare who are protected from flooding by flood defences but cannot draw down their mortgages because they cannot get insurance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59804/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

895. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the fact that unpaid maternity leave does not count towards pensionable service in the public sector; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60138/26 | BARRY WARD

896. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on whether it is fair and equitable that unpaid maternity leave does not count towards pensionable service in the public sector; if this is under review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60147/26 | BARRY WARD

897. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has carried out any international comparison analysis in relation to the fact that unpaid maternity leave does not count towards pensionable service in the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60154/26 | BARRY WARD

898. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the expenditure incurred by each Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by Department, consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60282/26 | SORCA CLARKE

899. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60494/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

900. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the status of the spending review papers; the reason this process has been set aside; if he will reinstitute the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60652/26 | GED NASH

901. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current procurement/contract guidelines for local authorities to direct them to use local services whenever possible; his views on whether local authorities are adequately supporting local businesses in their procurement/contract practices; if he plans to boost same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60780/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

902. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total number of properties currently owned or controlled by the OPW which are vacant; the location of each; the date on which each property became vacant; the number of properties that have been vacant over 12 months; the current annual cost to the State of maintaining, securing, insuring and otherwise holding each property; and if he will publish the full list of such properties.

PQ60894/26 | SORCA CLARKE

903. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of former Garda stations currently owned by the State which remain vacant; the location of each; the date on which each ceased to operate as a Garda station; the current annual cost of securing and maintaining each property; whether each property has been considered for housing or another public-service use; and if he will provide details of any proposed disposal or redevelopment.

PQ60962/26 | SORCA CLARKE

904. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60929/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

905. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61048/26 | MATT CARTHY

906. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if Phase 2 of the Limerick northern distributor road will be designated as a critical infrastructure project under the Critical Infrastructure Act 2026 in future tranches; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59825/26 | CATHAL CROWE

907. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total number of art works currently in the State collection; the process of selection for new works; and the number of art works currently on public display.

PQ59855/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

908. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to confirm whether he has undertaken a review of the State-funded whistleblower support model provided through Transparency International Ireland, following the commencement of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022 and the European Commission's identification of concerns regarding Ireland's implementation of Article 20 of Directive (EU) 2019/1937; and if so, to publish its findings.

PQ59860/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

909. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if central monitoring of major public projects includes assessment of whether the benefits and outcomes identified in the original business case are subsequently delivered; the person or body responsible for monitoring benefits realisation following project completion; if this information is reported centrally; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61158/26 | GRACE BOLAND

910. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the findings and recommendations arising from reviews and evaluations of major public projects are collated centrally; if there is a central mechanism to track implementation of recommendations and ensure lessons identified in one department or public body are applied across the public sector; if not, whether he intends to establish such a mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61156/26 | GRACE BOLAND

911. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61268/26 | SORCA CLARKE

912. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider making changes to the occupational supplementary pension (OSP) to allow a retiree to take up some employment without the OSP being impacted, in order to allow the retiree to still contribute to society and earn some extra income; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60013/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

913. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is satisfied that departments and public bodies responsible for major procurement and infrastructure projects retain sufficient internal procurement, commercial, technical, project and contract management expertise to act as informed clients and effectively challenge and manage external consultants and contractors; the way in which the capability is assessed; the minimum capability requirements that apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61157/26 | GRACE BOLAND

914. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is satisfied that the windows in the cells in the Garda Station at Kells, County Meath meet all of the necessary standards; if he will set those standards out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60996/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

915. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to review correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60771/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

916. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to report on progress to meet his commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60749/26 | PA DALY

917. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to come to the assistance of the local community at Rossbeigh, Glenbeigh, County Kerry where the spit has been ravaged by coastal erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60717/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

918. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to come to the assistance of the flood victims at Cromane Lower, Killorglin, County Kerry and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60716/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

919. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the plans in place to invest and protect homes and properties, now that the Castlemaine Harbour pilot study has been completed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60479/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

920. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the plans in place to invest in coastal erosion works at Rossbeigh Beach, Glenbeigh, County Kerry, where massive erosion continues to take place; if the OPW will assist with efforts to put a marram grass programme in place to help save the dunes at Rossbeigh for future generations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60467/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

921. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to introduce a scheme with immediate effect to keep the arches of bridges clear of debris (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60461/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

922. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to urgently review the recommended pay packages of semi-State agency CEOs by the Independent Senior Posts Remuneration Committee; the way can it be justified that the CEO of the ESB earns a salary of €410,000, a salary greater than the President of the United States, especially in the context of a cost of living crisis, with accounts in excess of €500,000 thousand families in energy arrears; his views on whether it is time to halt to this hypocrisy; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ60364/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

923. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department has identified any point within the protected disclosures framework at which responsibility for a reporting person ceases before another public authority assumes responsibility for that person's protection and support; and, if so, the way in which the Government considers that position to be consistent with the objectives of Directive (EU) 2019/1937.

PQ61430/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

924. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount that the OPW collected in revenue for allowing the Iveagh Gardens to be used as a summer concert venue in 2025 and 2026; when those rates for allowing this location as concert venue were last reviewed; and the civil service grade within the OPW that has the authority to decide to increase or decrease venue rental fees.

PQ61518/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

925. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department maintains any mechanism for obtaining feedback from reporting persons following the referral of their protected disclosures to An Garda Síochána, for the purpose of evaluating whether the protections and supports provided under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 remain effective throughout the subsequent process.

PQ61431/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

926. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has undertaken any review or evaluation of the effectiveness of referring protected disclosures to An Garda Síochána as part of the State's implementation of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and Directive (EU) 2019/1937; whether that review considered the subsequent experience of reporting persons following such referrals; and if no such review has been undertaken, whether one is planned.

PQ61428/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

927. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department collects or analyses data on the outcomes of protected disclosures referred by public bodies to An Garda Síochána, including whether reporting persons subsequently continued to receive protections under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014.

PQ61426/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

928. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether any Government protocol exists setting out the respective responsibilities of referring public bodies, the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner and An Garda Síochána following the referral of a protected disclosure that may disclose criminal offences.

PQ61425/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

929. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the way in which the State considers that Article 20 of Directive (EU) 2019/1937 is implemented where a reporting person continues to cooperate with An Garda Síochána after a protected disclosure has been referred for criminal investigation but no public body retains ongoing responsibility for providing support or protection.

PQ61424/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

930. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department has examined whether referral of a protected disclosure to An Garda Síochána may create a gap between the whistleblower protection framework established under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and the subsequent criminal justice process; and if so, whether any reforms are under consideration.

PQ61421/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

931. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Government has identified which public authority retains responsibility for ensuring that a reporting person continues to receive the protections and supports envisaged by the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 after a protected disclosure has been referred to An Garda Síochána for criminal investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61417/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

932. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if calculations have been carried out regarding the impact of increased construction costs where capital grants are made by Government Departments but there are delays in making payments to recipient organisations.

PQ61379/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

933. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will facilitate the installation of additional eco-toilet facilities in the Phoenix Park for public use following the installation of six toilets in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61618/26 | EMER CURRIE

934. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the Nenagh flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61806/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

935. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if the Office of Public Works plans to install bottle filling stations or water fountains at popular visitor locations in the Phoenix Park such as playgrounds, outside the Zoo entrance, at the soccer pavilion, or at any other location beyond the single bottle filling station at the visitor centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61763/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

936. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Government has identified which public authority retains responsibility for ensuring that a reporting person continues to receive the protections and supports envisaged by the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 after a protected disclosure has been referred to An Garda Síochána for criminal investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61419/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

937. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of WTE security operations managers employed by the OPW as of 13 August 2026; and the civil service grade this post is normally filled by.

PQ61392/26 | SORCA CLARKE

938. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide funding to carry out emergency coastal protection works to the sea wall adjacent to the Lower Road, Valentia Island, County Kerry before it is washed away; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60474/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

939. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to examine the feasibility of installing water fountains at high footfall locations in the Phoenix Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61843/26 | EMER CURRIE

940. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60401/26 | NIALL COLLINS

941. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether a protocol exists between public bodies and An Garda Síochána governing the handling of protected disclosures referred for criminal investigation, including arrangements for the ongoing protection and support of the reporting person.

PQ61407/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

942. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the public authority that retains responsibility for ensuring that a reporting person continues to receive the protections and supports envisaged by the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 and Article 20 of Directive (EU) 2019/1937 after a protected disclosure has been referred to An Garda Síochána for criminal investigation; and if no public authority has such responsibility, whether the Government has assessed the implications of that position for Ireland's implementation of the Directive.

PQ61403/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

943. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will commit to reviewing Circular 7/2018 to take into account the experiences of low paid workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61889/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

944. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he can expedite a request (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62047/26 | NIALL COLLINS

945. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the identity of the interested party that raised matters of concern in relation to the Office of Government Procurement's planned competition to renew the Microsoft licensing framework; the nature of the concerns raised; the basis on which the OGP determined it was prudent to cancel the competition; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62122/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

946. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will outline all funding allocated by his Department for projects, programmes and initiatives in the Cavan and Monaghan constituency from 1 January 2025 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62185/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

947. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation in relation of public procurement, Article 20 of Directive 2014/24/EU, the Departments and public bodies within the State that are reserving tendering procedures for social enterprises and companies that employ a high percentage of disabled or disadvantaged individuals, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62254/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

948. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the amount of the €1billion 'contingency fund' announced in Budget 2026 that has been spent/allocated to date; the precise spending programmes to which specific amounts have been allocated; and the amounts involved under each area; the areas of planned expenditure to be drawn from the contingency fund for the remainder of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62259/26 | GED NASH

949. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will review the manner in which national flood-risk mapping is applied at individual property level, particularly where a property is located within a mapped flood zone but has not itself experienced flooding and may benefit from existing or proposed flood-defence infrastructure; whether consideration is being given to property-specific flood-risk assessments that could be used by insurers and mortgage providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62375/26 | CHARLES WARD

950. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of applicants to the communications specialist higher executive officer competition; the number that have been brought forward to assessment stage; the number of positions that have been hired for this role in previous competitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62520/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

951. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on active travel upgrades in the Phoenix Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62587/26 | EMER CURRIE

952. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on additional car parking in a park (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62586/26 | EMER CURRIE

953. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he plans to designate the Sandymount Flood Alleviation Scheme as a critical infrastructure project under the Critical Infrastructure Act 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62623/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

954. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he plans to designate the Sandymount flood alleviation scheme as a critical infrastructure project under the Critical Infrastructure Act 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62660/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

955. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Government intends to develop a coordinated National Estate Strategy to maximise economic benefit, minimise waste, and ensure surplus or potentially surplus State and Local Government assets are identified, especially in the context of the European Union Energy Performance of Buildings Directives (EPBD); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62662/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

956. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will create a co-ordinated strategy for managing the State's inter relationship with the office market, given it is the largest user of offices in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62663/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

957. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he has explored, or will explore, a coordinated policy for the utilisation of assets within entities who maintain their own property departments and asset portfolios; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ62664/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

958. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he has explored, or will explore, a comprehensive occupancy strategy to be put in place for the coordinated occupancy of space by the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62665/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

959. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the details of records regarding past evaluation of State assets that fall under the remit of the Office of Public Works; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62666/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

960. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Government has considered whether the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires amendment to provide explicit protection and support for whistleblowers who continue to cooperate with criminal investigations following referral to An Garda Síochána.

PQ61416/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

961. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the statutory protections or practical supports available to a reporting person who continues to cooperate with An Garda Síochána following the referral of a protected disclosure for criminal investigation; and whether those protections are coordinated by any public authority.

PQ61404/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

962. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether referring a protected disclosure to An Garda Síochána is regarded as completing the referring body's obligations under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014; and if not, if any continuing oversight or follow-up is expected.

PQ61414/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

963. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is satisfied that the Civil Service Dignity at Work Policy is being uniformly and effectively implemented across all Government departments; the oversight mechanisms in place when a department's human resources unit fails to record or maintain official minutes of multi-stage staff escalations regarding unfair treatment; the recourse available to an employee when central dignity policies are procedurally breached by departmental management; and if he will make a statement.

PQ62683/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

964. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he is aware that many retired public servants who have paid a 'D' PRSI stamp, and who have job-shared, worked part-time or taken periods of leave of absence through long careers in the service to care for family, receive pensions that are now lower than any of the current rates of the old age pension; if he plans to work with the Minister for Social Protection on reforms in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62765/26 | GED NASH

965. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the current status of the State's Microsoft licensing framework following the cancellation of the planned OGP competition; whether the existing framework has been extended or otherwise maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62123/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

966. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62880/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

967. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62879/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

968. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the public authority that has responsibility for monitoring whether a whistleblower suffers penalisation while cooperating with An Garda Síochána in an investigation arising from a protected disclosure.

PQ61406/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

969. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of candidates on the 2024 Assistant Principal (AP) Wexford Open Panel who were interviewed to date; the number of appointments made from this panel; the number of AP vacancies to be filled from this panel; the number of candidates remaining on this panel at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63104/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

970. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide a schedule, by amount, venue and event name in respect of OPW owned and managed sites used for events in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ63160/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

971. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation his views on the lengthy delay in the OPW sourcing a suitable site for a new Garda station at Carndonagh, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63182/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

972. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on the on-going public sector discussions with regard to a reversal of the previous financial decision to reduce the daily rate of payment for former members of the public service appointed for their expertise and experience to public sector interview boards, while indirectly noting the Civil Service Renewal 2030 Strategy

PQ63322/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

973. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63356/26 | GED NASH

974. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will consider designating the south Galway flood relief scheme as critical infrastructure to accelerate its delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63431/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

975. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63458/26 | GED NASH

976. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63483/26 | JOE NEVILLE

977. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the position regarding any ongoing public sector discussions and commitments during 2020 - 2026 concerning a final decision to reverse the previous financial decision to reduce the daily rate of payment for former members of the public service appointed for their expertise and experience to public sector interview boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63562/26 | BARRY WARD

978. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the total value of capital funding reallocated, reprofiled or deferred across all Departmental votes in each year from 2019 to date in order to accommodate cost increases on the National Children's Hospital, by year, by originating vote or subhead, and by amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63635/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

979. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if any capital projects or programmes located in the Ireland south constituency or the wider Munster region, including but not limited to road, flood relief, rural development and higher education projects, were reduced, deferred or reprofiled in any year from 2019 to date arising from cost increases on the National Children's Hospital; if he will list each such project by name, location, year and amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63636/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

980. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will provide additional funding to community and voluntary sector organisations to allow them comply with their obligations with the My Future Funds pension scheme, ensuring that these State-contracted organisations can make payments on behalf of their staff without having to cut essential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63648/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

981. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the discussion that has taken place or if he will discuss with the Office of Public Works the possibility of installing and maintaining public drinking water fountains throughout the Phoenix Park, in particular near popular entrances, playgrounds, sports areas, visitor facilities and main walking and cycling routes.

PQ63718/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

982. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to consider a benefit cost ratio assessment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63316/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

983. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63032/26 | NIALL COLLINS

984. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he will extend multi-annual funding to all community and voluntary organisations providing essential services on behalf of the State (details supplied).

PQ63882/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

985. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether his Department maintains a central record of cost overruns, write-downs and abandoned projects across Departments and public bodies; if so, the aggregate value recorded in each of the past five years; if not, whether consideration will be given to establishing such a central reporting mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64017/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

986. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number and total value of public sector information and communications technology projects valued at more than €5 million which have been abandoned, terminated or materially written down in each of the years 2015 to 2026; the total Exchequer loss or write-down associated with such projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64015/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

987. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number and total value of major public capital projects with an approved budget in excess of €20 million which are currently forecast to exceed their originally approved budget by more than 20%; to identify each such project, its original approved cost and current estimated cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64014/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

988. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the extent of the most recent coastal erosion in the vicinity of the Martello Tower, Lambreecher, Balbriggan, County Dublin; the works planned to prevent its continuation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62430/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

989. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 178 of 15 July 2026 (details supplied), to set out, by reference to the Civil Service Code of Standards and Behaviour and the Civil Service Disciplinary Code, the specific duty that arises on the part of a senior civil or public servant who has been formally notified that their actions have infringed the constitutional or fundamental rights of a citizen; the disciplinary consequences that attach where that servant persists in the conduct following such notice.

PQ63838/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

990. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 177 of 15 July 2026, to provide, from the centrally reported workforce data available to his Department, the number of senior civil servants recorded as dismissed in each of the years 2021 to 2025 inclusive, notwithstanding any caveat as to the completeness of that data.

PQ63837/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

991. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of civil servants dismissed by decision of the Government, that is, at the will and pleasure of the Government in respect of each of the years 2021 to 2025 inclusive.

PQ63836/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

992. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 53784/26, to set out, by reference to the Civil Service Code of Standards and Behaviour and the Civil Service Disciplinary Code, the specific duty that arises on the part of a senior civil or public servant who has been formally notified that their actions have infringed the constitutional or fundamental rights of a citizen (details supplied); and the disciplinary consequences that attach where that servant persists in the conduct following such notice.

PQ63706/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

993. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 53783/26, to provide, from the centrally reported workforce data available to his Department, the number of senior civil servants recorded as dismissed in each of the years 2021 to 2025 inclusive, notwithstanding any caveat as to the completeness of that data.

PQ63705/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

994. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the number of civil servants dismissed by decision of the Government that is, at the will and pleasure of the Government, in each of the years 2021 to 2025 inclusive.

PQ63704/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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995. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59561/26 | CAROL NOLAN

996. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 361 of 28 July 2026 (details supplied), to confirm the specific State body responsible for taking enforcement action against retailers selling e-scooters that exceed the legal speed, power or weight limits prescribed under road traffic legislation; the statutory basis for that enforcement function; the number of enforcement actions taken against such retailers in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59680/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

997. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has engaged with retailers regarding the sale of e-scooters that exceed the legal speed, power or weight limits prescribed in law; the ease with which speed limiters fitted to such devices can be manipulated or removed following their sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59684/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

998. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department accepts that a regulatory gap exists where the Department of Transport has stated that the sale of non-compliant e-scooters falls outside its remit; the steps his Department proposes to take to address the sale of such devices at the point of sale; and if he will provide a statement on the matter.

PQ59691/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

999. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 361 of 28 July 2026, to confirm the specific State body responsible for enforcement action against retailers selling e-scooters that exceed the legal speed, power or weight limits set out in road traffic legislation; the statutory basis for that enforcement function; the number of enforcement actions taken against such retailers in each of the past three years; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59726/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1000. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the Department or any body under its aegis has engaged with retailers regarding the sale of e-scooters that exceed the legal speed, power or weight limits, or regarding the ease with which speed limiters on such devices can be manipulated after sale; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59731/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1001. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he accepts that a regulatory gap exists in where the Department of Transport has stated that the sale of non-compliant e-scooters falls outside its remit; the steps the Department proposes to take to address the sale of such devices at point of sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59737/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1002. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update on the Multi-Annual Reform (MAR) pricing roadmap for nursing homes; when the next increase in the MAR threshold will be implemented; whether greater transparency will be provided regarding future adjustments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59741/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

1003. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on a compensation scheme for businesses affected by the security measures at Dublin Castle (details supplied).

PQ59978/26 | EOIN HAYES

1004. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to report on all taskforces led by his Department; the dates on which they have met since the taskforces inception; the breakdown of all subgroups; the dates on which each subgroup has met; the breakdown of all progress achieved including reports published and explicit policy recommendations issues; and the policy recommendations implemented to date since the taskforces' inception, in tabular form.

PQ60023/26 | PA DALY

1005. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which the sale of e-scooters will be regulated; the penalties to wholesalers, retailers or other businesses for selling e-scooters that can travel above 20 km/h; the penalties for individuals who modify e-scooters to increase their speed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60296/26 | MARK WARD

1006. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to action 2.19 of the National Strategy for Women and Girls Action Plan 2026-2028 concerning implementation of the EU Artificial Intelligence Act and establishment of the AI Office of Ireland, to clarify the connection between that action and the reduction of exposure to "harmful gender norms and stereotypes"; and if the AI Office will have any role in the identification or moderation of online content relating to gender.

PQ60418/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1007. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60676/26 | GED NASH

1008. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the Representative Actions for the Protection of the Collective Interests of Consumers Act 2023, which empowers him to "designate" an "organisation" to act for consumers in a class action to enforce consumer law; if he has designated this position to any organisation; if any organisation has requested to be designated and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60757/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

1009. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60928/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1010. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61043/26 | MATT CATHY

1011. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if it is intended to establish a youth advisory panel within the new National Artificial Intelligence Office.

PQ59852/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1012. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if consideration is being given to establishing a dedicated programme to identify and support high-growth indigenous SMEs with the potential to become internationally competitive businesses through tailored investment, innovation and export supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60642/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1013. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether he will commission an independent review of Ireland's industrial policy to identify measures that would increase productivity, strengthen indigenous enterprise and improve Ireland's long-term economic resilience; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60639/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1014. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to consider measures to restrict contractors with significant unpaid judgments from continuing to undertake substantial domestic building work; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61229/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1015. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will examine the feasibility of mandatory insurance verification for all contractors advertising domestic building services, rather than relying on self declared claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61231/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1016. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken to improve public awareness about alarms and incidents (details supplied); if measures are taken to inform large workplaces, schools and residents in areas close to Seveso establishments about steps to take in case of an emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60080/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1017. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 1058 of 28 July 2026, when the IDA expects to break ground or begin visible development on the land referred to in the PQ response; whether it is anticipated it will happen within the next six years; when the necessary planning permission is likely to be lodged; whether plans or designs have been drafted for the required new roads and utility infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60105/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1018. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will urgently re-examine an application by Killarney innovation centre for funding for a very important project in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61085/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1019. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans to review the restrictions applying to holders of General Employment Permits who wish to change careers after completing their initial two year period; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60934/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

1020. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61360/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1021. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61343/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1022. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to report on progress to meet his commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60748/26 | PA DALY

1023. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department has examined the protection available to consumers who have paid deposits to building contractors that subsequently enter liquidation; whether consideration has been given to measures such as deposit protection schemes, mandatory client accounts, insurance-backed guarantees, or changes to the treatment of consumer claims in insolvency proceedings to reduce the financial losses suffered by householders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60360/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1024. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total number of staff of the NSAI for the years 2019 – 2026.

PQ60431/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1025. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the plans the NSAI has to outsource existing audit activities to private contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60425/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1026. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the activities undertaken by the National Standards Authority of Ireland that are outsourced to private contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60422/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

1027. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of reports received by the Corporate Enforcement Authority from statutory auditors under section 393 of the Companies Act 2014 in each year from 2021 to 2026 inclusive; the number of such reports relating to companies limited by guarantee holding charitable status; the enforcement action arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60382/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1028. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department will undertake an assessment of the impact of requiring those on General Employment Permits to maintain the same standard occupation classification employment has had on the willingness of migrant workers to leave employers where in their view they are being treated unfairly or where their employment rights are not being respected; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60935/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

1029. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken to strengthen links between multinational companies and indigenous SMEs, including increasing procurement opportunities, supply-chain participation and technology transfer, to maximise the long-term benefits of foreign direct investment for Irish-owned businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60636/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1030. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of companies from Tipperary that participated in Enterprise Ireland supported trade missions in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the countries visited; and the sectors represented, in tabular form.

PQ61680/26 | ALAN KELLY

1031. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of investigations, enforcement actions and prosecutions undertaken by the Health and Safety Authority since 2016 in relation to an alleged failure to report a work-related road traffic fatality under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Reporting of Accidents and Dangerous Occurrences) Regulations 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61691/26 | BARRY WARD

1032. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of road traffic fatalities reported to the Health and Safety Authority in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number in which the deceased person was at work; the number in which the deceased person was not at work; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61690/26 | BARRY WARD

1033. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether Regulation 225 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007 requires the reporting to the Health and Safety Authority of the death of a person who was not at work where the death arose from an accident related to a work activity involving a vehicle being driven for work purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61687/26 | BARRY WARD

1034. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to reply to matters raised correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61738/26 | SEAN FLEMING

1035. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will consider requiring enhanced transparency in company registration for construction sector businesses, including mandatory disclosure of previous trading names, directors, beneficial owners and any outstanding consumer liabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61232/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1036. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will examine whether individuals who repeatedly dissolve companies while leaving unresolved consumer liabilities should face restrictions on establishing new construction related businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61233/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1037. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on his Departments efforts to merge the visa and employment permit system into one user-friendly single application procedure supported by a new ICT system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61689/26 | EMER CURRIE

1038. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of Employment Regulation Orders signed between 2020 to date in 2026, to help attract and retain early years educators, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61725/26 | EMER CURRIE

1039. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61581/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1040. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the additional measures being considered to improve access to affordable long-term finance for indigenous SMEs seeking to scale, increase exports or invest in productivity improvements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60631/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1041. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has examined Italy's Industry 4.0 strategy and its use of tax incentives to increase productivity, digitalisation and export growth among indigenous SMEs; whether similar measures are being considered in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60624/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1042. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will publish a National SME Scale-Up Strategy with the specific objective of increasing the number of indigenous medium-sized and large Irish-owned businesses through measures to improve productivity, innovation, exports and access to finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60618/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1043. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any engagement he has had with IDA Ireland in relation to the practice of companies hiring employees under self-employment contracts that minimise their employment rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61928/26 | BARRY WARD

1044. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the use of self-employment contracts that minimise the employment rights of a company's employees (details supplied); the actions he will take to address this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61927/26 | BARRY WARD

1045. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding the any support mechanisms in place to support people working for companies under self-employment contracts that minimise their employment rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61926/26 | BARRY WARD

1046. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the actions he is taking to address the practice of companies hiring employees under self-employment contracts that minimise their employment rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61925/26 | BARRY WARD

1047. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if serious allegations concerning an organisation will be investigated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61247/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1048. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the progress being made regarding the development of new flour mills in Ireland that have been promised; if any of these new mills be in the County Laois, South Kildare or the Carlow area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61980/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

1049. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures being taken to support Irish exporters in diversifying into new international markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61981/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

1050. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the supports provided by his Department and its agencies to assist Shannon-based companies in accessing new international markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61982/26 | JOE COONEY

1051. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of trade missions undertaken in the years 2024 and 2025; and the value of new trade agreements arising from those missions.

PQ61984/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

1052. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update in relation to progress on the regulation of short-term lets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61985/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1053. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the steps his Department is taking to implement the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2021–2027, with particular reference to the adoption of robotics and remote inspection technology to reduce worker exposure to hazardous confined space environments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62102/26 | BARRY WARD

1054. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department or the Health and Safety Authority has received submissions regarding the recognition of drone-based or remote inspection technology as an accepted avoidance method for confined space entry; and if he will outline the authority's response, or intended response, to any such submissions.

PQ62101/26 | BARRY WARD

1055. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of work-related fatalities and injuries associated with confined space entry recorded by the Health and Safety Authority in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62100/26 | BARRY WARD

1056. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department or the Health and Safety Authority has considered updating the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Confined Spaces) Regulations 2001, or the associated code of practice, to explicitly recognise remote inspection technology as a method of satisfying the avoidance requirement under regulation five; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62099/26 | BARRY WARD

1057. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the involvement his Department, or any agencies under his remit such as Fáilte Ireland, has in supporting the former Dublin Writers Museum on Parnell Square; and the plans which exist for both the collection, and the building following its closure.

PQ62208/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

1058. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is considering allowing general work permit holders access Stamp 4 after two years instead of five years.

PQ62486/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1059. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on a scheme (details supplied)

PQ62465/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1060. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the timeframe for the next tranche or the next SBCI-backed scheme opening.

PQ62464/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1061. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the timelines for the next scheduled meeting with the Fáilte Ireland chief executive officer; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62580/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1062. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a timeline on transposing the EU's Platform Work Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62565/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1063. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he is aware of concerns relating to recent significant household waste collection price increases by a provider (details supplied); if he plans to address this issue; the data that is held on the number of active operators and market share, by area, in tabular form; if the CCPC has reviewed pricing conduct or market concentration in the sector in recent years; if he will call for clearer advance notice periods, price caps tied to justifiable cost increases, or a public registry of collection charges, by area to enable comparison; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62729/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

1064. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will confer with his counterpart at the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport to determine whether a regulatory gap exists between the CCRU and ComReg for a particular case (details supplied); and to advise with reference to the relevant policy and legislation which body should be responsible for this case.

PQ62742/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

1065. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department has a strategy in place to work with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland to promote the future of inland fisheries; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62847/26 | CATHY BENNETT

1066. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the decrease in the annual return compliance at the Companies Registration Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62803/26 | BARRY WARD

1067. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62946/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1068. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62980/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1069. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether the remit of the right to repair law will be expanded to cover kitchen equipment and associated ducting; and whether a particular case (details supplied) can avail of alternative consumer protection legislation.

PQ63192/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

1070. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63451/26 | GED NASH

1071. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63476/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1072. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the requirement for nursing homes to have least half of their workforce to be EEA, UK, or Swiss nationals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63563/26 | BARRY WARD

1073. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any review ongoing of the requirement for nursing homes to have least half of their workforce to be EEA, UK, or Swiss nationals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63565/26 | BARRY WARD

1074. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any engagement he has had with an organisation regarding the requirement for nursing homes to have least half of their workforce to be EEA, UK, or Swiss nationals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63564/26 | BARRY WARD

1075. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the current statutory sick leave entitlement provided to employees; whether any further increase in that entitlement is planned for 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63736/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1076. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment made by the Department of the cumulative impact on small and medium retail businesses of recent increases in labour costs, including the national minimum wage, pension auto-enrolment, employer PRSI and statutory sick pay, in the context of the 35% increase in retail insolvencies recorded in the first half of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63738/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1077. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the drafting of the planned data Bill.

PQ63848/26 | EMER CURRIE

1078. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views of the recent report of the Government's Cost of Business Advisory Forum and if it is proposed to implement the measures identified in that report.

PQ63956/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

1079. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures that will be implemented to safeguard employment across all sectors of the economy due to the period of uncertainty that he recently referred to following the substantial investment in and or expansion of in the AI industry.

PQ63955/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

1080. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if additional financial support will be made available to local authorities and community groups to develop enterprise centres or work spaces, taking in to account the importance of such facilities in assisting job creation, particularly in smaller towns and villages; if he is aware of the substantial costs on local authorities and community groups in developing such centres at present, which impacts severely on councils with a low rates base; if his Department and the statutory agencies under the remit of his Department will give this request further urgent consideration.

PQ64061/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

1081. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if, in view of the importance of developing enterprise centres and work spaces, a new scheme of grant-aid will be introduced to assist local authorities and community groups with such developments, taking into account the importance of such work spaces for the economy in all regions.

PQ64057/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

1082. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of complaints and expressions of concern received by the Corporate Enforcement Authority in each year since its establishment in 2022; the number which resulted in a preliminary assessment, formal investigation, referral to another body, enforcement action, prosecution or other action; the number in respect of which no further action was taken; the number which remain under consideration or investigation, by year and outcome, in tabular form.

PQ64086/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

1083. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide a breakdown of complaints and expressions of concern received by the Corporate Enforcement Authority in each year from 2022 to date in 2026, by the nature of the alleged breach or issue raised, including suspected breaches of company law, directors' duties, company filings, insolvency-related matters, fraudulent trading or other relevant categories, in tabular form.

PQ64087/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

1084. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of investigations commenced and concluded by the Corporate Enforcement Authority in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number which resulted in prosecution, referral to the Director of Public Prosecutions, restriction or disqualification proceedings, other enforcement action, or no further action; and the number of investigations currently ongoing, by year and outcome, in tabular form.

PQ64088/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

1085. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the assessment that has been undertaken of the performance and effectiveness of the Corporate Enforcement Authority since its establishment in 2022; the key performance indicators used to measure its effectiveness; the performance against each indicator annually; and whether the level of complaints, investigations and enforcement outcomes is considered commensurate with the financial and staffing resources available to the Authority.

PQ64072/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

1086. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the total Exchequer allocation provided to the Corporate Enforcement Authority in each year since 2022; the actual expenditure in each year; the level and percentage of any underspend or overspend; the reasons for any material variance between allocation and expenditure, broken down between pay, non-pay and capital expenditure, in tabular form.

PQ64070/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

1087. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the average and median length of time taken by the Corporate Enforcement Authority to assess and conclude complaints and expressions of concern in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and the number of cases which have remained open for more than six months, one year, two years and three years respectively, in tabular form.

PQ64068/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

1088. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the sanctioned staffing complement of the Corporate Enforcement Authority in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the actual number of staff in place at year end; the number of vacancies; and the number of specialist staff employed, in tabular form.

PQ64071/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

1089. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide details of the enforcement outcomes achieved by the Corporate Enforcement Authority in each year since 2022, including the number of prosecutions initiated, convictions secured, files referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions, director restriction orders secured, director disqualification orders secured and other court or enforcement orders obtained, in tabular form.

PQ64069/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

1090. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63349/26 | GED NASH

1091. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if he will provide an update in respect of the Carlingford ferry service in the context of the shared island unit's plans to restore the service.

PQ63669/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

1092. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to provide an update on the status of a company (details supplied).

PQ63332/26 | VERONA MURPHY

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1093. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59562/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1094. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the evaluation of school transport pilot projects that took place in the 2025/2026 school year; if further pilot projects are planned for County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59575/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

1095. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether there are any plans to establish a secondary school Gaelcholáiste in the Drogheda area to meet current and projected demand for Irish secondary school education; whether her Department has received any applications, expressions of interest or demographic assessments in relation to the establishment of such a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59603/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1096. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in Cork eligible for a special school place aged 12 years or over availing of the Home Tuition Programme in the 2025-2026 school year.

PQ59610/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1097. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update for a child (details supplied) regarding the transition to primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59642/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1098. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider the proposal from the Irish National Teachers' Organisation for the allocation of 1,000 additional primary teachers in Budget 2027, with a view to improving inclusive education, reducing teacher workload pressures, and strengthening leadership and stability within schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59661/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1099. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures she intends to introduce to reduce oversized primary school class sizes, given that 419,823 children are currently in classes above the EU average of 19 pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59657/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1100. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans in Budget 2027 to address the ongoing shortage of primary teachers nationwide, in view of reports that 996 teaching posts remain unfilled and that 7,864 substitute roles are currently being covered by unqualified personnel; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59654/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1101. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1292 of 28 July 2026, whether her Department has carried out an assessment of the impact of the accommodation centre at a location (details supplied) specifically on school place demand in the Citywest, Saggart and Rathcoole school planning area; if so, the date and findings of that assessment; if no such centre-specific assessment has been carried out, to confirm this; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59704/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1102. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1292 of 28 July 2026, whether a named coordinator service equivalent to the Regional Education and Language Team is available to local resident families in the Citywest, Saggart and Rathcoole area who are unable to secure a primary or post-primary school place; if not, the specific named point of contact, if any, available to such families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59709/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1103. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether anti-violence, conflict resolution, respect, healthy relationships, restorative practice or other violence-prevention programmes currently form part of the mainstream second-level curriculum; the specific programmes, modules or curriculum components available to students in junior and senior cycle; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59727/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1104. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the engagement her Department has had with the Teaching Council regarding barriers experienced by post-primary teachers on part-time or low-hour contracts in completing the Droichead induction process, including the operation of the continuous 200-hour teaching requirement; whether any interim policy measures are under consideration pending implementation of the revised Droichead framework in September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59732/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1105. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken by her Department to ensure that qualified post-primary teachers with statutory caring responsibilities are not disproportionately disadvantaged by the current requirements for completion of the Droichead induction process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59736/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1106. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59742/26 | SEAN FLEMING

1107. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeframe for the provision of a new school building for a school (details supplied) and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59772/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1108. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average expenditure of schools on electricity and heating in each of the years from 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by county, in tabular form.

PQ59799/26 | PA DALY

1109. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the staffing resources appeal of a school (details supplied).

PQ59807/26 | ROBERT TROY

1110. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the recently published parental preference survey for the Killester-Raheny-Clontarf school planning area; her views that 62.1% of parents favour multi-denominational primary education and 87.6% favour co-educational primary education; the actions her Department will take to ensure that parents in the Killester-Raheny-Clontarf school planning area can avail of a co-educational, multi-denominational secondary school place for their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ59840/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1111. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department is considering introducing a grant or support scheme, similar to the free schoolbooks scheme, to help parents meet the cost of laptops, chromebooks and other essential digital devices required by schools; whether this proposal is being considered as part of Budget 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59891/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1112. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure a NEPS assessment for a child (details supplied) is carried out.

PQ59905/26 | ROBERT TROY

1113. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to increase the availability of Irish-medium education; if she will reconsider the decision not to establish any new Gaelscoileanna or Gaelcholáistí before 2032, given the ongoing demand from parents for greater access to Irish-medium schooling and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59972/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1114. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a copy of the final scorecard and determination of the appeal made to her Department by schools (details supplied) regarding their exclusion from DEIS Plus; the number of schools that lodged an appeal against their exclusion from DEIS Plus; if she will provide a list of the names of such schools and those whose appeals were successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59974/26 | GED NASH

1115. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the minimum of 200 hours' teaching employment required of post-primary teachers to complete the Droichead induction process may be aggregated across more than one school and across more than one school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59995/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1116. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with the Teaching Council on the introduction of a job-share or part-time pathway for post-primary teachers, equivalent to that available to primary teachers, who may complete the Droichead induction process on a job-share contract or on a part-time contract of no less than 12.5 hours for the duration of the academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60002/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1117. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average class size, by county and by primary and post primary school in each of the past five years.

PQ60009/26 | PA DALY

1118. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the interim arrangements available to post-primary teachers who are unable to complete the Droichead induction process under the policy as currently published and who will remain registered with conditions pending the commencement of the revised Droichead Policy on 1 September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60015/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1119. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the Droichead policy has been equality proofed under the public sector equality and human rights duty in respect of its impact on teachers with caregiving responsibilities, including parents of children with additional needs; the specific accommodations available to such teachers; the metrics in place to monitor whether they are disadvantaged in completing induction and registration requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60018/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1120. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the school transport options that are available to a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60026/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

1121. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school bus routes run by Bus Éireann from 2022-2027 inclusive, in tabular form, and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60082/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

1122. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason school bus services have been reduced in an area (details supplied); if this will be reconsidered, and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60084/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

1123. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide updated projections for school place requirements in North Kildare, including timelines for new school builds or extensions; and whether interim accommodation will be required for September 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60103/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1124. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if changes have been made to the SNA allocation to DEIS summer camps/campa samhraidh, in particular those on the islands (details supplied); and if so, the rationale behind this.

PQ60164/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1125. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1110 of 28 July 2026, the mechanisms that will be put in place to identify children classed as twice exceptional that also have an advanced learning; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60208/26 | BARRY WARD

1126. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that no household is obliged to purchase electronic devices in order to attend secondary school; if she will increase funding for schools to purchase any required devices; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60292/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1127. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide 1,000 additional primary teachers in Budget 2027 (details supplied).

PQ60281/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1128. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is considering a review of the Killester-Raheny-Clontarf school planning area in order to ensure that the area has an appropriate number of multi-denominational, co-educational secondary school places to meet the significant demand for such schools as expressed by parents in the recent Department of Education and Youth survey; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60356/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

1129. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if it is possible for her Department to link recent Garda vetting to a person's PPS number, with respect to applications for teachers and SNAs for substitute posts, many teachers and SNAs have to repeatedly complete Garda vetting in short time periods when they apply for each substitute position; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60420/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1130. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 285 and 286 of 18 September 2024, 511 of 5 November 2024, Freedom of Information Request DES-FOI-2026-0156, and their confirmation that they do not currently use artificial intelligence in the preparation of response to Parliamentary Questions, if they have ever in the past, prior to the present, used artificial intelligence in the preparation of responses to Parliamentary Questions.

PQ60565/26 | CATHY BENNETT

1131. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review a school transport case of a child (details supplied) where Bus Éireann has advised that no suitable transport service is available and the family has instead been offered a special transport grant; if alternative transport arrangements can be provided, as the child's mother is unable to transport the child to and from school on a daily basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60578/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1132. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total funding provided her Department to an organisation (details supplied), and to any related organisations, in each year from 2023 to date, in tabular form; if her Department has considered the findings of the Charities Regulator's Inspector's Report published on 27 April 2026 concerning governance and the ownership and control of charitable assets; if those findings have resulted in any additional governance assurances, conditions or monitoring requirements being attached to the provision of Departmental funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60614/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1133. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the legislative, regulatory or administrative basis for calculating special transport grant and exceptional no service interim grant payments by reference to a pupil's attendance; and to provide copies of any circulars, guidelines or contractual provisions governing this arrangement.

PQ60603/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1134. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has undertaken any assessment of the actual average cost incurred by families providing private transport under the special transport grant or exceptional no service interim grant compared with the grant amounts paid; and if she will provide the findings.

PQ60609/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1135. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the number of families who have declined the exceptional no service interim grant or the special transport grant in each of the past three school years; and to provide the reasons recorded by Bus Éireann or her Department for declining the grant.

PQ60613/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1136. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has collected information on the impact on parental employment where families are required to transport children to special schools or special classes because no contracted school transport service is available; and if so, if she will provide the findings.

PQ60617/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1137. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average annual amount paid to private transport contractors for the provision of transport services to pupils attending special schools and special classes for each of the past three school years; the average annual payment made under certain grants (details supplied) over the same period; whether payments to private transport contractors are reduced where an individual pupil is absent from school; if so, the basis on which such reductions are calculated; whether payments under the STG are similarly reduced in cases of pupil absence; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60626/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1138. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the average daily distance travelled by families in receipt of specific grants (details supplied), broken down by county; the number of children whose families travel in excess of 60km per school day under these arrangements; whether her Department has assessed the impact of this, particularly on families living in rural areas; whether her Department has reviewed the current mileage bands under the STG; whether any review of the mileage thresholds is planned; whether she intends to introduce an annual review mechanism for STG rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60645/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1139. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on her Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60675/26 | GED NASH

1140. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth which body holds responsibility for the national coordination of citizen science provision in schools; whether her Department is notified of, or maintains any record of, science or environmental education programmes operating in schools which are funded or supported by other Government departments or State agencies; the arrangements in place for such notification; if no body holds national coordination responsibility or no cross-government notification arrangement exists, if she will confirm each position; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60686/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1141. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the timeline for the development of a successor to the STEM Education Policy Statement; whether citizen-generated data, digital fieldwork and the use of geographic information systems by students are within the scope of that development; the body responsible for the consultation process, its planned opening and closing dates and the process for making submissions; if no timeline, scope or consultation arrangements have yet been approved, if she will confirm each position; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60687/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1142. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review correspondence (details supplied); the alternative pathways to Teaching Council registration available to Irish teachers returning from abroad who hold international qualifications and extensive teaching experience; if she will address the barriers faced by such teachers, including cases where returning abroad to complete induction is not a viable option; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60825/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1143. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of applications to the school transport scheme in counties Cavan and Monaghan in each of the years 2020 to date in 2026; the number of applicants by the date the scheme closed; the number of late applicants; the number of applicants who were medical card holders, by county and by year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60836/26 | MATT CARTHY

1144. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on all school capital projects in Tipperary, including new school buildings, extensions, refurbishments and other works currently being undertaken or planned by her Department, in tabular form; the current status of each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60874/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1145. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the plans to establish a new Gaelscoileanna or Gaelcholáistí; if the Primary School Survey will inform these decisions, and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60880/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1146. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on the school bus ticket application; if the application could be reconsidered given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60953/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1147. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school will be approved for funding under the climate action works scheme (details supplied) and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60970/26 | SEAN FLEMING

1148. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total amount her Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of her Department's advertising budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60927/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1149. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on what recommended actions from the school transport review have been implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60945/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

1150. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will consider introducing a dedicated grant to assist families with the cost of required digital devices for post-primary education.

PQ60855/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1151. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of FOI requests her Department, and each agency under her auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61052/26 | MATT CARTHY

1152. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on the AEN appeal of a school (details supplied).

PQ59803/26 | ROBERT TROY

1153. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department can examine the process whereby school escorts apply for jobseeker's allowance during the summer term; and if her Department can intervene to streamline this process (details supplied).

PQ59822/26 | ROBERT TROY

1154. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has reviewed, or plans to review, its policies and guidance for schools regarding the publication of photographs and images of children on school websites and social media platforms (details supplied); when her Department's existing guidance in this area was last reviewed; whether consideration has been given to issuing updated national guidance to schools and boards of management on the publication and protection of children's images; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61146/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1155. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a child who has been deemed eligible for specialised school transport has not been provided with an appropriate transport service for the 2026-2027 school year (details supplied); if she will review the case urgently; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59966/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1156. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if an emergency works application, recently submitted by a school (details supplied) can be prioritised and urgently approved.

PQ59883/26 | ROBERT TROY

1157. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if advance enabling works could be assessed and approved for a school (details supplied).

PQ59886/26 | ROBERT TROY

1158. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a major school buildings project could be advanced as a priority (details supplied).

PQ59890/26 | ROBERT TROY

1159. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of protected disclosures received in each year from 2021 to 2026 inclusive relating to youth organisations in receipt of public funding, including disclosures received by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality prior to the transfer of youth affairs functions on 1 May 2025; the number accepted for assessments; the number rejected; the grounds relied upon for rejection in each case, in aggregated and anonymised form; the average time taken from receipt to initial determination; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60643/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1160. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth person (details supplied); the steps that will be taken to increase capacity on school transport services in the area concerned; if additional or larger vehicles will be deployed on the route in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61270/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1161. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessment her Department has made of the potential impact on schools and school places, special educational needs supports, and school transport arising from changes to accommodation and immigration arrangements for Ukrainian beneficiaries of Temporary Protection from 2027; the number of children her Department anticipates may require a change of school or additional educational supports following changes to their accommodation arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61206/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1162. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in relation to the School-Based Summer Programme if the Department will consider an enhancement grant or other increased funding for special classes participating in the programme to support access to outings, sensory experiences and other activities that specifically benefit children with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61292/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1163. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the announcement of the new national Transitions Support Service for students in special schools, the mechanisms that will be used to track the destination of students following completion of their schooling.

PQ61314/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1164. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the announcement of the new national Transitions Support Service for students in special schools whether she will commit to publishing an annual report on the outcomes of the service, including the number of students supported, the pathways identified for students, the actual destinations achieved; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61316/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1165. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the announcement of the new national Transitions Support Service for students in special schools, whether destination data will be published annually, including progression into further education, training, apprenticeships, employment, supported employment, rehabilitative training, disability day services and other post-school pathways.

PQ61315/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1166. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the announcement of the new national Transitions Support Service for students in special schools, whether every student in their final two years of special school education will receive an individual transition plan.

PQ61313/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1167. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the announcement of the new national Transitions Support Service for students in special schools, the criteria used to determine which students receive transition support.

PQ61312/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1168. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the announcement of the new national Transitions Support Service for students in special schools, the number of special schools and students covered by the service.

PQ61311/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1169. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the announcement of the new national Transitions Support Service for students in special schools, the number of students expected to receive support through the service in the 2026/27 school year.

PQ61310/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1170. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to the announcement of the new national Transitions Support Service for students in special schools (details supplied), to provide details of the way in which the effectiveness of this service will be measured; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61309/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1171. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on works at a school (details supplied); to provide details of the stage of the licence to remove the bat infestation; if applications have been received for emergency works and to provide an update in general in addressing the condition of the school building.

PQ61123/26 | EMER CURRIE

1172. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a child (details supplied); if she will provide an update on the school bus concessionary ticket application; if the application could be reconsidered given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61115/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1173. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on the school bus concessionary ticket application; if the application could be reconsidered given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61107/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1174. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a child (details supplied) will be offered a school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61088/26 | MARK WALL

1175. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on her plans to implement changes to the school bus service, following the review published in 2024; whether she accepts that the closest school rule is unfair where a student's closest school is full and has no place for them; if she plans to implement the proposed changes to this rule; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61030/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1176. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason access to the primary school supplementary redeployment panel is determined by diocesan panel areas (details supplied); her views on whether this arrangement is fair to teachers who move diocese during their career; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61020/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1177. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the fact that, under the rules governing the Supplementary Redeployment Panel Circular 0074/2025, only a teacher's reckonable service since their last date of permanent or CID service is counted, and that service given in a different diocesan panel area does not transfer when a teacher returns to their home diocese; if she considers this to be an equitable outcome for teachers who gain experience outside their home diocese, for example in Dublin, before returning to teach in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61024/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1178. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she intends to reduce costs for families being required by schools to purchase expensive digital technology including laptops and iPads; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60952/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1179. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports available to families who cannot afford to purchase digital devices for their child attending school; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60958/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1180. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the name and locations of the 11 pilot school transport routes that are to be introduced under the school transport scheme; the criteria used in selecting these routes; the anticipated commencement date for each route; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60956/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

1181. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason that Bus Éireann school transport's section is providing similar answers to specific queries; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60951/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

1182. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide the locations of any new pilot school bus routes in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60947/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

1183. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 16 July 2026, the further progress made to date in providing the use of a green area by schools (details supplied); if this green area will be made accessible to students by the end of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60937/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

1184. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider an issue regarding the provision of a school bus in County Kildare (details supplied).

PQ61015/26 | MARK WALL

1185. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she intends to undertake or commission a comprehensive survey of the cost of sending a child to primary and post-primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60857/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1186. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools operating compulsory or recommended laptop/tablet schemes; the average cost to families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60853/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1187. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has undertaken an assessment of the financial impact of voluntary school contributions on low-income families; and if she will provide details of any such assessment.

PQ60850/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1188. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and proportion of primary and post-primary schools seeking voluntary contributions from parents in the 2025/26 school year, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60846/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1189. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average annual cost incurred by families in respect of primary school attendance, including voluntary contributions, books, uniforms and digital devices, in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60842/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1190. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total amounts paid by her Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61351/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1191. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expenditure incurred by her Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61335/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1192. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will examine the criteria, data analysis and methodology used to determine eligibility for DEIS status at post-primary level given 43% of primary schools in County Leitrim qualify for DEIS while no post-primary school in the county qualifies; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60782/26 | EAMON SCANLON

1193. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the climate action summer works scheme application submitted by a school (details supplied); the category under which the application was made; the prioritisation criteria applied; and whether the school's application will be considered in the next tranche of approvals expected in 2026.

PQ60781/26 | MARTIN DALY

1194. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to report on progress to meet her commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60747/26 | PA DALY

1195. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if assistance will be provided to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60756/26 | NIALL COLLINS

1196. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will outline the steps that can be taken to provide school transport for children in the Ballybay area travelling to a school; if she will address the change of bus operator on this route and the impact this has had on ticket availability; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60706/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1197. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concern of a school principal and the wider school community (details supplied) in relation to urgent repairs needed for the school roof; if she is conscious of the urgency required to carry out repairs in advance of the winter and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60529/26 | BARRY WARD

1198. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is a timeline for the decision on an application made by a school (details supplied) under the climate action summer works scheme 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60525/26 | BARRY WARD

1199. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide further clarification on the basis upon which the local bargaining measures for special needs assistants are being considered following recent ballots; if she will report on the engagement taking place with an organisation (details supplied) on these matters; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60446/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1200. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of vacant teaching posts in primary and post-primary schools at the commencement of each school year since 2021, broken down by county and subject where applicable; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60288/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1201. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the diocesan basis of the primary teacher redeployment and supplementary panel system, with a view to recognising a teacher's reckonable service on a more consistent basis rather than confining it to a single diocesan panel area, given the disadvantage this current system creates for teachers who gain experience outside their home diocese before returning; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61027/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1202. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a new circular for assistive technology will be published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60274/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1203. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the terms of reference and progress of the back-to-school costs review referred to in media reports (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61444/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1204. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth which body holds overall responsibility for coordinating the regulatory oversight of a funded youth organisation where concerns arise simultaneously across charity governance, company law, child safeguarding and professional regulation; whether any mechanism exists for the sharing of information between the Department, the Charities Regulator, Tusla, CORU and the Corporate Enforcement Authority in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60372/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1205. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the internal assertion by an organisation of a risk to the safety of children or vulnerable persons, relied upon as the basis for a disciplinary or governance decision, engages the obligations of a mandated person under the Children First Act 2015; the guidance issued in that regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60367/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1206. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the guidance issued to funded youth organisations regarding the obligations of mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015 where an internal disciplinary or governance process relies on an asserted risk to the safety of children or vulnerable persons; whether the Department requires funded organisations to confirm that any such asserted risk has been referred to Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60363/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1207. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a protected disclosure relating to a funded youth organisation has at any time been rejected on the grounds that other disclosures had been accepted or were being assessed in relation to the same organisation; if the Department is satisfied that such an approach is consistent with the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, as amended; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60359/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1208. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will urgently renew the temporary suspension of the 90-day substitute teaching limit for teachers on career breaks for the 2026/2027 school year; the timeline for issuing the relevant information note to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61432/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1209. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has satisfied itself as to which legal entity holds beneficial ownership of properties used for scouting activities and funded in whole or in part from public monies; the steps taken by her Department to protect the public interest in any such assets; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60353/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1210. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1105 of 28 July 2026, the financial supports available for graduates undertaking private professional master of education programmes in institutes (details supplied) in teacher shortage subjects, particularly Irish; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60352/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1211. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has formally considered the findings of the inspector's report into an organisation (details supplied) and related organisations published by the Charities Regulator on 27 April 2026; the date on which that consideration took place; the governance assurances, funding conditions or compliance requirements, if any, imposed by the Department arising from those findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60351/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1212. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on the school bus ticket application; if the ticket could be issued given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61466/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1213. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total funding provided to an organisation (details supplied), and to any related organisation, in each year from 2021 to 2026 inclusive, broken down by scheme and by recipient entity; the funding provided prior to the transfer of youth affairs functions to her Department on 1 May 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60344/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1214. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a person (details supplied) in County Kildare would qualify for a HEAR grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60325/26 | MARK WALL

1215. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration is being given to reviewing the Teaching Council's registration process for teachers who qualified abroad, including greater recognition of overseas teaching experience and measures to ensure the process is clear, timely and proportionate; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60438/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1216. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth what are the plans to address the number of children that are not receiving school transport ahead of the back to school time in September.

PQ61502/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1217. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the process for schools to decide if they want to be in the first group to take action on the patronage survey results.

PQ61436/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1218. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to confirm if tenders have been returned for the new school building project for a school (details supplied); to outline when the project is due to commence construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61408/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1219. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason teachers' personal daily rates were not correctly applied to the 2026 Summer Programme payments; when her Department first became aware of the issue with payments (details supplied); when the outstanding amounts will be paid to affected staff; the measures that will be put in place to prevent this reoccurring; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60872/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1220. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether consideration is being given to extending the free schoolbooks scheme to cover additional classroom materials, stationery and digital learning resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60862/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1221. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expenditure incurred under the free schoolbooks scheme in each year since its introduction; the projected expenditure for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60860/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1222. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the application made by a school (details supplied) under the Climate Action Summer Works Scheme 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60522/26 | BARRY WARD

1223. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will facilitate a meeting with a school principal (details supplied) in relation to urgent repairs needed for the school roof and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60518/26 | BARRY WARD

1224. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to correspondence from a school principal (details supplied) in relation to urgent repairs needed for the school roof and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60512/26 | BARRY WARD

1225. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on work her Department has undertaken to explore the possibility of providing a secondary school in a town in County Clare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60416/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1226. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the way in which schools can contact her Department; and if there is a form available to schools to contact her Department.

PQ61439/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1227. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of rounds for schools, who wish to engage with her Department to reconfigure their schools patronage.

PQ61437/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1228. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 416 of 16 June 2026, if her Department has assessed whether the operation of the redeployment arrangements can result in teachers who have accumulated significant service in recurring teaching work repeatedly losing access to that work because of the redeployment of permanent or CID-holding teachers; if so, the findings of that assessment; if not, the reason for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61560/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1229. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 414 of 16 June 2026, if her Department has considered requiring schools and Education and Training Boards to record and report whether temporary, substitute and part-time teaching hours relate to genuine temporary absences, recurring curricular requirements, allocation-based hours, special educational needs or English as an additional language provision, or other continuing teaching requirements; if not, the reason her Department has decided not to collect such information; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61561/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1230. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 416 of 16 June 2026, the number of permanent and CID-holding teachers redeployed in each of the past five school years; the number of permanent teaching vacancies filled through the redeployment process in each year; if her Department records the number of fixed-term, temporary or substitute teachers who taught in schools affected by redeployment and who subsequently were not retained, had their hours reduced or lost access to teaching work as a consequence of the redeployment process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61559/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1231. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 414 to 417 of 16 June 2026, the way in which her Department defines a "viable post" for the purposes of Circulars 20/2026 and 21/2026; who determines whether a post is viable; the criteria applied in making that determination; the oversight her Department has of such decisions; the safeguards in place to ensure that recurring teaching requirements are not repeatedly treated as temporary requirements where the teaching work itself continues to exist and a CID-eligible post should be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61558/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1232. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 414 to 417 of 16 June 2026, the responsibility her Department retains for monitoring compliance by schools and Education and Training Boards with the CID and redeployment arrangements outlined by Department Circulars; the number of investigations, compliance interventions, directions or other actions her Department has undertaken in each of the past five years in response to alleged or identified failures to comply with CID eligibility rules; the outcomes of any such interventions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61557/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1233. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 417 of 16 June 2026, the reason no further review or reform of the CID and fixed-term employment arrangements is required given her Department has acknowledged that it does not hold the information necessary to establish the extent to which teachers are working recurring teaching hours on successive temporary or substitute contracts; the evidence or assessment that supports the decision not to undertake a further review; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61556/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1234. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason eight schools which were listed on the NCSE website on 1 July 2026 as being sanctioned for an autism inclusion class have had their class type changed to a standard autism class; and what is a standard autism class.

PQ61548/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1235. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos 414 to 417 of 16 June 2026, the number of teachers in each of the past five years who appealed a decision by a school or Education and Training Board not to award them a Contract of Indefinite Duration; the number of such appeals that were successful; the number of successful appeals that resulted in the teacher subsequently being awarded a CID; the principal reasons for decisions not to award a CID being overturned on appeal; if this information is not collected, the reason for not doing so; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61562/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1236. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to her replies to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 414 to 417 of 2026, the mechanisms her Department uses to monitor whether schools and Education and Training Boards are complying in practice with the eligibility rules for Contracts of Indefinite Duration set out in Circulars 20/2026 and 21/2026, particularly in cases where a teacher has provided recurring teaching for more than one year but has not been awarded a CID; whether her Department conducts any compliance checks, audits or monitoring of such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61555/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1237. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review the case of a student who is without school transport for this coming school year (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61521/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1238. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools operating at or above capacity in each county for the 2026-2027 school year; the projected demand for additional school places over the next five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60384/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1239. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a protected disclosure relating to a funded youth organisation has at any time been rejected on the grounds that other disclosures had been accepted or were being assessed in relation to the same organisation; if her Department is satisfied that such an approach is consistent with the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, as amended; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60646/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1240. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special classes opened in Dublin west, by year from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61658/26 | EMER CURRIE

1241. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the children in Cork who were issued with a letter of eligibility for a special school placement for the 2026/27 school year; the number that remained without a place at the start of the 2026/27 school year.

PQ61615/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1242. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of places for pupils available and allocated in special schools in Cork for the 2026/27 school year, broken down by primary and post-primary age groups.

PQ61614/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1243. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has assessed the use of suspension in special schools (details supplied), against the Department's guidance on behaviour support and the use of suspension and expulsion for pupils with special educational needs; whether any such assessment, review or monitoring has been undertaken in respect of either school; if so, the date and outcome of any such assessment or review; whether the NCSE has provided advice, guidance or support to either school concerning the use of suspension; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61613/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1244. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of letters of eligibility for special school placement issued by the NCSE in Cork for the 2026/27 school year, broken down by primary and post-primary age groups.

PQ61612/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1245. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when will refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) be completed.

PQ61610/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1246. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average class size in Kildare in each of the past three years, in tabular form.

PQ61609/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1247. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of on-time paid concessionary pupils who did not receive a ticket under the school transport scheme in co Leitrim for the 2025/26 school year.

PQ61608/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1248. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in schools can engage the parents of children who are not yet in the school regarding their wishes for reconfirmation of patronage.

PQ61709/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1249. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children in an autism inclusion class at primary school level.

PQ61645/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1250. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are plans within her Department, including in Budget 2027, for an assessment of the funding of youthwork services in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59818/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1251. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on youth service funding allocations for North Kildare, including staffing levels and facility upgrades; the status of applications submitted by local youth organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60112/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1252. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils suspended at a school (details supplied) in each academic year from 2021/22 to 2025/26; the number of suspensions in each year; the number of pupil days lost as a result; the number of pupils expelled; the reason for each suspension; the total enrolment at the school in each academic year; whether her Department received any notification, report, complaint or other communication concerning the frequency or use of suspensions at the school; if so, the matter raised and any action taken by her Department or the NCSE in response; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61758/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1253. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils suspended at a school (details supplied) during the 2025/26 academic year to date; the number of suspensions; the number of pupil days lost as a result; the number of pupils expelled, if any; the reason for each suspension; the current enrolment at the school; whether her Department has received any notification, report, complaint or other communication concerning the frequency or use of suspensions at the school since its establishment; if so, the matter raised and any action taken by her Department or the NCSE in response; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61759/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1254. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the ongoing negotiations with school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61769/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1255. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on her Department's work to develop a programme specifically for schools to build and modernise PE and school sports facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61768/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1256. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to expedite a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61802/26 | NIALL COLLINS

1257. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to request the Teaching Council to re-examine an outstanding case (details supplied); if she will request the Teaching Council to engage directly with this teacher and work with them to resolve the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61023/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1258. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department and bodies under her aegis maintain a register of gifts hospitality, or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61580/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1259. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to ensure continuity of Irish sign language tuition for families where a tutor's claims are under review; the timeframe for completion of such reviews; whether outstanding claims may be submitted pending the outcome of a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61846/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1260. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if assistance will be provided to a school (details supplied) which is losing a funding stream; if alternative funding can be provided by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61907/26 | NIALL COLLINS

1261. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1233 of 28 July 2026, if clarity will be provided for the former teacher in relation to the monetary value of 33.4 weeks (765 hours) of their contract for the 2016-2017 academic year that was worked; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61938/26 | BARRY WARD

1262. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1233 of 28 July 2026, if clarity will be provided to the former teacher in relation to the monetary value of the amount paid of the 33.4 weeks (765 hours) of their contract for the 2016 - 2017 academic year until 22 April 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61940/26 | BARRY WARD

1263. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 310 of 16 July 2026, the position regarding any further avenue of appeal or mediation available for a former teacher in relation to the pay dispute that has not been amicably resolved (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61942/26 | BARRY WARD

1264. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1233 of 28 July 2026, if clarity can be provided to the former teacher in relation to the percentage of the 33.4 weeks (765 hours) of their contract for the 2016-2017 academic year that was paid until 22 April 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61939/26 | BARRY WARD

1265. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1233 of 28 July 2026, if clarity will be provided for a former teacher in relation to the percentage of the 33.4 weeks (765 hours) of their contract for the 2016 - 2017 academic year that was worked; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61937/26 | BARRY WARD

1266. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider extending the free schoolbooks scheme to all children in secondary education, including fee-paying schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61975/26 | EMER CURRIE

1267. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an ndearnadh aon mheasúnú ar an tionchar atá ag costais bhreise taistil ar mhúinteoirí atá ag obair i scoileanna ar oileáin Ghaeltachta, agus an bhfuil aon bhearta á mbreithniú chun tacú leo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ61545/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1268. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhfuil measúnú déanta ag a Roinn ar an tionchar atá ag deireadh na liúntas Gaeltachta, oileáin agus teagaisc trí mheán na Gaeilge do mhúinteoirí dara leibhéal nua-cheaptha ar earcaíocht agus coinneáil múinteoirí i scoileanna Gaeltachta agus lán-Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ61543/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1269. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cé mhéad múinteoir dara leibhéal atá ag fáil liúntais Ghaeltachta, oileáin agus teagaisc trí mheán na Gaeilge faoi láthair, roinnte de réir contae agus de réir chineál na scoile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ61540/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1270. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an bhfuil sé beartaithe aici athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an gcinneadh nach mbeidh liúntas Gaeltachta, liúntas oileáin ná liúntas teagaisc trí mheán na Gaeilge ar fáil do mhúinteoirí dara leibhéal a ceapadh ó 2012 i leith; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ61538/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1271. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of schools who appealed their DEIS+ decision and the result of the appeal, in tabular form.

PQ62030/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1272. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is a form to be completed; or the way in which schools are to contact her Department.

PQ62148/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1273. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will outline all funding allocated by her Department for projects, programmes and initiatives in the Cavan and Monaghan constituency from 1 January 2025 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62183/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1274. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on the school bus ticket application; if the ticket could be issued given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62164/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1275. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to an application by a school (details supplied) under the climate action and sustainability funding grant for capital works in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62220/26 | BARRY WARD

1276. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a timeline for the next tranche of funding under the climate action and sustainability funding grant for capital works in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62219/26 | BARRY WARD

1277. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of special education classes that were sanctioned in the academic year 2025/2026 that are open for enrollment for the academic year 2026/2027; by designation, and county; in tabular form.

PQ62240/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1278. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of autism classes that were sanctioned in the academic year 2025/2026 that are open for enrollment for the academic year 2026/2027, in tabular form.

PQ62239/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1279. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she is taking to ensure that schools that apply to open new SEN classrooms are supported as much as possible to streamline the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62218/26 | BARRY WARD

1280. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of school principals in relation to delays in the SEN classroom approval process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62217/26 | BARRY WARD

1281. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case of a person (details supplied) who does not yet have a school place for the upcoming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62246/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1282. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the application for a new school building (details supplied) in Dublin 15.

PQ62244/26 | EMER CURRIE

1283. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if further incentives can be provided to encourage tutors to partake in the at home July provision/summer programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62320/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1284. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will publish a full roadmap with dates for the implementation of all recommendations of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62327/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1285. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if new school transport scheme pilot routes are being considered and/or implemented in the 2026-2027 school year; if so, the areas these routes will service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62331/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1286. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide funding for the national rollout of the Grow It Yourself Programme (GIY) to all primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62336/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1287. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her role in finding school places for children who are unable to find a suitable school place.

PQ62316/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1288. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the operation of the school transport scheme (details supplied); the measures being considered to address the issues raised, particularly in relation to concessionary tickets, parental choice of school, school ethos, and access to education in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62349/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

1289. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the percentage of schools that have a JCSP library in their school.

PQ62363/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1290. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure that each school has a JCSP library in the school.

PQ62364/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1291. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of JCSP libraries that currently do not have librarians.

PQ62365/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1292. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the delay in sanctioning a second school bus service for a primary school (details supplied); if the service will be sanctioned urgently give the return to school is imminent; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62377/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1293. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provision that has been made to fund approved new ASD classrooms in schools (details supplied).

PQ62387/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

1294. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to a shortage of secretary hours allocated to a school (details supplied); the actions she will take to ensure that the allocation is amended to reflect the significant increase in school numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62394/26 | BARRY WARD

1295. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to a series of submissions by a school (details supplied) in relation to their allocated quota of secretarial hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62395/26 | BARRY WARD

1296. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any review of the way in which secretary hours are allocated to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62396/26 | BARRY WARD

1297. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any review of the way in which secretary hours are allocated to secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62397/26 | BARRY WARD

1298. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she is taking to ensure that the allocation of secretary hours for a school is flexible to allow for significant increases in pupil enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62398/26 | BARRY WARD

1299. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the new allocation model for school secretary allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62399/26 | BARRY WARD

1300. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any engagement her Department has had with schools in relation to the design of the new allocation model for school secretary allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62400/26 | BARRY WARD

1301. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any engagement her Department has had with unions in relation to the design of the new allocation model for school secretary allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62401/26 | BARRY WARD

1302. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures she is taking to increase the choice and affordability of school uniforms for families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62405/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1303. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); the status of the school bus ticket application; if the application will be reconsidered given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62408/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1304. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); the status of the school bus ticket application; if the application will be reconsidered given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62409/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1305. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); the status of the school bus ticket application; if the application will be reconsidered given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62410/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1306. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports available to families in rural Gaeltacht areas who are seeking access to school transport for their children attending a school (details supplied); if she will examine a proposal submitted by parents, requesting that the existing school transport service to be reviewed to determine whether it can be extended or slightly re-routed to serve students living in this remote area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62411/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1307. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department's new school secretary allocation model will be finalised and published, in order that a school (details supplied) can receive a new allocation given its student population has more than doubled since the previous allocation was made.

PQ62428/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

1308. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the need for a school bus place for a child in County Kildare (details supplied).

PQ62488/26 | MARK WALL

1309. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding concessionary school bus tickets.

PQ62477/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1310. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether previous spending on emergency works, summer works, additional accommodation scheme, and any other capital works programme will be taken into consideration when determining school projects inclusion in projects funded through the NDP €0.3 billion contingency fund for the 2026 to 2030 period.

PQ62546/26 | EMER CURRIE

1311. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider the establishment of a school transport scheme in Dublin (details supplied).

PQ62545/26 | EMER CURRIE

1312. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the implementation of the school transport review, in tabular form.

PQ62544/26 | EMER CURRIE

1313. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a school bus ticket for a student in County Kildare (details supplied).

PQ62530/26 | MARK WALL

1314. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the need for a school bus place for students in County Kildare (details supplied).

PQ62526/26 | MARK WALL

1315. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 310 of 16 July 2026, if she will facilitate a meeting with a former teacher in relation to the pay dispute that has not been amicably resolved (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61944/26 | BARRY WARD

1316. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth To ask the Minister for Education to confirm that a school building project (details supplied) remains in progress; if there is a current position and a timeline for progress to the next phase.

PQ62601/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1317. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the reasoning for media reports stating The Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot is to be shelved.

PQ62621/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1318. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has plans to roll out the education wellbeing practitioners in schools as a universal support.

PQ62618/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1319. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the evaluation of The Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot highlighted the effectiveness of the six one to one sessions with the child; and the findings of same.

PQ62609/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1320. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has received expressions of interest from schools in Dublin West to be included in the first group of schools to action the Primary School Survey results; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62632/26 | EMER CURRIE

1321. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of expressions of interest her Department has received to date from schools to be included in the first group of schools to action the Primary School Survey results, by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62633/26 | EMER CURRIE

1322. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the stage the recruitment for the education wellbeing practitioners under the DEIS plus scheme is at; the number of posts that have been filled; and the number of posts still vacant, in tabular form.

PQ62616/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1323. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to fully recruit for The Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot Programme.

PQ62614/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1324. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of people recruited for the Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot; and the number of vacancies which were available, in tabular form.

PQ62613/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1325. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has allocated funding for the expansion of The Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot; and if so, the amount of funding.

PQ62612/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1326. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to ensure the support provided in The Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot continues beyond a pilot and moves into phased universal implementation.

PQ62611/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1327. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if The Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot recommended to adjust the six week period of therapy either by increasing or decreasing the length of time.

PQ62610/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1328. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school project (details supplied); whether a decant solution has been agreed; the next steps following a decant solution being agreed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62635/26 | EMER CURRIE

1329. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has received any expressions of interest from a school (details supplied) regarding inclusion in the first group of schools to action the Primary School Survey results; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62634/26 | EMER CURRIE

1330. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of junior infant enrolments in the Blanchardstown School Planning Area for September 2026 and 2027, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62579/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1331. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which school transport routes are designed; if parents are consulted on route design; if the design process is computerised; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62645/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1332. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when she will publish the list of new special classes in primary schools for the 2027-2028 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62652/26 | MARK WALL

1333. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when construction will commence on a new school building (details supplied); the timeline for completion of the works; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62668/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1334. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of letters of eligibility for special school placement were issued by the NCSE in Cork for the 2026-2027 school year, broken down by primary and post-primary age groups.

PQ62669/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

1335. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of places for pupils available and allocated in special schools in Cork for the 2026-2027 school year, broken down by primary and post-primary age groups.

PQ62670/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

1336. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will introduce fractional or pro-rata teaching contracts, for example 0.6 or 0.8 of a full time post, as an alternative to the current binary 50% option available under the job sharing scheme in Circular 0054/2019; the reason a more granular flexible working arrangement has not been made available to registered teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62672/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1337. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of the children in Cork who were issued with a letter of eligibility for a special school placement for the 2026-2027 school year; and the number without a place by the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

PQ62671/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

1338. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the suspension of the restriction preventing job sharing teachers from undertaking substitute work will be placed on a permanent footing (details supplied); the number of primary schools that employed persons without a teaching qualification in a substitute capacity in the most recent school year for which data is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62673/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1339. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific expected completion date for the main contractor tender evaluation phase of a school building project (details supplied); if she will confirm the funding is in place and ringfenced for this school building project; the projected date for the official contract award and the subsequent move to the site demolition phase; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62446/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1340. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the restriction under Circular 54/2019 preventing job-sharing teachers from undertaking substitute work has been suspended for the 2026-2027 school year, in line with the arrangements that applied in each year from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026; the information note giving effect to this; the date of its publication; the date from which job-sharing teachers may take up such work in the current school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62676/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1341. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the equivalent restriction on teachers on career break undertaking substitute work has likewise been suspended for the 2026-2027 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62677/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1342. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of unfilled substitute teaching vacancies; the number of teaching days lost to uncovered absence in primary schools in County Cork in the 2025-2026 school year; the measures being taken to address the shortage of qualified substitute teachers in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62678/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1343. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children that did not have a school place as of the 28 August 2026.

PQ62679/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1344. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth following the release of the study results carried out by the DCU Centre for Collaborative Research Across Teacher Education that focused on the occupational wellbeing of over 900 primary and second-level school principals, the measures her Department will take to assist school principals who reportedly suffer from work burnout.

PQ62681/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1345. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has requested or plans to request a review of school transport route design and route allocation processes, particularly in rural areas, to ensure that eligible pupils are assigned to the most practical and efficient routes available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62688/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1346. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when funding will be provided by her Department for additional accommodation at a school (details details); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62704/26 | ALAN KELLY

1347. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when funding will be made available to a school (details supplied) to open newly sanctioned ASD classrooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ62698/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1348. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when funding will be made available a school (details supplied) to open newly sanctioned ASD classrooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62699/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1349. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provisions available to Leaving Certificate students who are prevented from sitting both the main examinations and the deferred examination sitting due to serious illness, emergency surgery or other exceptional medically certified circumstances; whether any alternative assessment arrangements exist in such cases; whether consideration is being given to reviewing the current system where a student is unable to complete either examination sitting through no fault of their own; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62725/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1350. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review an issue regarding school bus tickets (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62644/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1351. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will urgently review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will address the concerns raised regarding the termination of a school transport scheme contract; if she will outline the recourse available to a contractor in these circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61147/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1352. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a parent is unable to secure a suitable school place for their child if the only other alternative option is to be homeschooled; and the steps a parent who cannot secure a school place should take.

PQ62317/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1353. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the efforts being put in place with Bus Éireann to allow for bus drivers over 70 years-of-age to drive school transport buses for more than eight passengers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62241/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1354. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason post-primary teachers have not yet received the 1% local bargaining payment due from September 2025; the specific factors preventing implementation of the payment; the reason other groups have had bargaining arrangements processed while post-primary teachers have not; if a date for implementation and payment is agreed; if not, when the Government will be in a position to confirm a date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60902/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1355. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62859/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1356. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if the school building project will commence before the expiry of planning permission.

PQ62852/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1357. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has a central mechanism for identifying children who have reached post-primary age but have no confirmed school place; if so, how frequently this information is updated; and whether the Minister will publish the number identified for 2026/27.

PQ62845/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1358. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she considers Tusla Education Support Service to be the appropriate first point of contact for a parent whose child has no post-primary school place; and if not, to identify the body responsible for assisting such families; the procedure parents should follow; and how this information is communicated to parents.

PQ62844/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1359. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children referred to an educational welfare officer in each of the past four school years because they had not secured a post-primary school place; and whether such referrals are routinely recorded and reported to her Department.

PQ62843/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1360. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of referrals made to Tusla Education Support Service in each of the past four school years in respect of children who had not secured a post-primary school place; and the number of such cases in which a place was subsequently secured.

PQ62842/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1361. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether parents whose child has not secured a post-primary school place are advised to contact Tusla Education Support Service, an educational welfare officer, her Department, the relevant school, or another body; and whether this contact pathway is formally communicated to parents.

PQ62841/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1362. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the formal guidance provided to parents whose child has not secured a post primary school place regarding the relevant review, appeal and placement support processes; if she will provide a copy of the current guidance issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62840/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1363. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the information or guidance is issued to parents applying for post-primary school places explaining; the steps they should take if their child is refused admission or receives no offer of a place; and whether this information is issued directly to parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ62839/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1364. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children seeking a post-primary school place in each of the school years 2023/24 to 2026/27 who did not receive an offer of a place in any school; whether her Department records this; and if she will provide the figures by year and county.

PQ62838/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1365. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department monitors compliance by schools with Department guidance intended to reduce costs to parents; the number of instances of non-compliance identified in each of the past three years; and the action that is available to the Department where a school does not follow such guidance.

PQ62837/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1366. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will introduce an annual Department survey of parents to establish the actual cost of sending a child to primary and post-primary school, including uniforms, footwear, digital devices, contributions, trips and other charges; and if not, the way in which her Department measures the financial burden on families.

PQ62836/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1367. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department assesses whether schools receiving State funding remain financially dependent on voluntary contributions or other payments from parents; and if so, the most recent findings and the total value of such payments recorded; if her Department has assessed the combined cost of State-funded and parent-funded school provision for families whether the Department has a target for reducing compulsory or unavoidable costs to parents.

PQ62835/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1368. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a school can require a parent to pay a voluntary contribution, administration charge or other fee before confirming a school place; and whether such a practice is consistent with Department policy on school admissions.

PQ62834/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1369. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department is developing updated guidance to address school refusal and school attendance difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62833/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1370. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has plans to expand early intervention or family-based supports aimed at preventing long-term disengagement from education among children experiencing school refusal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62832/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether schools are required to provide an alternative arrangement where a family cannot afford a voluntary contribution or other requested school payment; whether any Department guidance requires schools to ensure that a child's education is not adversely affected by non-payment; whether a school may restrict a child's access to any aspect of the school's educational programme because a parent has not paid a voluntary contribution or other non-statutory charge; and if so, to identify the legal or policy basis, and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62831/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average waiting time for access to psychological or therapeutic supports for children and young people experiencing school attendance difficulties; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62830/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the role of the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS), and any other of her Departments' agencies, in cases of school refusal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62829/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the role of Tusla Educational Welfare Services in cases of school refusal is; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62828/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1375. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has assessed the total amount parents are asked to pay when a child first enters post-primary education, including voluntary contributions, uniforms, digital devices, books, trips and other costs; and if so, the average amount identified.

PQ62827/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1376. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to outline the specific supports currently available to families dealing with school refusal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62826/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1377. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mechanism exists to monitor whether schools comply with Department guidance on voluntary contributions and charges to parents; the number of compliance issues identified in each of the past five years; the action taken; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62824/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1378. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of complaints or representations received by her Department in each of the past five years concerning compulsory or allegedly compulsory school payments, voluntary contributions or enrolment charges; and the number referred for investigation.

PQ62823/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1379. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether schools requesting a voluntary contribution from parents are required to state in writing that the payment is voluntary and that non-payment will not affect a child's enrolment, access to education or participation in school activities.

PQ62822/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1380. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department records the number of post-primary schools requiring parents of incoming first-year students to pay an enrolment, registration, administration or other charge; and if not, whether she will establish such a record.

PQ62821/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether schools may require parents to make a payment or contribution as part of the process of enrolling a child in first year of post-primary education; and if so, the statutory or regulatory basis for such a payment.

PQ62820/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department conducts an annual assessment of the total back-to-school costs incurred by families, including uniforms, footwear, digital devices, voluntary contributions, school trips and other charges; and if not, the reason such data are not collected.

PQ62819/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will intervene in the case of a child in Midleton, County Cork, who currently has no school place for the coming school year; the steps are being taken by her Department and the relevant education authorities to secure an appropriate school place for the child; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62813/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth To ask the Minister for Education the number of special needs assistants currently employed by schools who are identified as providing translation or interpretation support in addition to their core duties; the languages involved; whether additional remuneration is provided for such duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62884/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth To ask the Minister for Education whether the Department collects information on the use of Special Needs Assistants to provide language translation or interpretation services in schools; and if so, the number of schools reporting such usage in each of the past five years.

PQ62883/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether translation and interpretation services are available during NCSE assessments and special educational needs consultations; and if she will provide details.

PQ62878/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1387. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average waiting time for schools seeking interpretation services through departmental or State-funded schemes.

PQ62877/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether additional funding has been provided to schools with high numbers of pupils requiring language support and translation services; and if she will provide details of such funding.

PQ62876/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of students enrolled in Irish schools whose first language is neither Irish nor English, by county and school type.

PQ62875/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether national guidance exists for schools on the procurement and use of translation and interpretation services; and if she will provide details of same.

PQ62874/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the most commonly requested languages for translation and interpretation services in primary and post-primary schools.

PQ62873/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools that have availed of translation or interpretation services to support engagement with parents and guardians in each of the past five school years.

PQ62872/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the annual expenditure by her Department on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years, broken down by service type and language.

PQ62871/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1394. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the operation of the new home tuition payment process following concerns raised by tutors regarding accessibility, digital exclusion and uncertainty regarding the assistance tutors may provide to parents and guardians; and if she will ensure that clear, accessible guidance is issued to all families and tutors.

PQ62870/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the consultation that was undertaken with home tuition tutors, parents and guardians, educational welfare officers and disability organisations prior to the introduction of the new payment process and fillable PDF forms, particularly in relation to accessibility and digital exclusion; and if she will publish details of the consultation undertaken.

PQ62869/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the safeguards that are in place to ensure that home tuition tutors are not left unpaid or subject to unnecessary administrative difficulties where a parent or guardian is unable to complete or return the required payment documentation due to disability, literacy, digital access or other circumstances outside the tutor's control; and if she will provide details of the supports available in such circumstances.

PQ62868/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessment her Department has made of the potential impact of the new digital PDF payment process on families who do not have access to a computer, printer, scanner, reliable internet connection or sufficient digital literacy to complete, save, sign and return the required documentation; and the measures that are in place to ensure that such families are not disadvantaged.

PQ62867/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the alternative arrangements that are available to parents or guardians who cannot reasonably complete the new home tuition payment form due to a disability, visual impairment, literacy difficulties, digital exclusion or lack of access to suitable digital equipment; and if she will provide for accessible alternatives.

PQ62866/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a home tuition tutor is permitted to provide practical assistance to a parent or guardian completing the new payment claim form, including entering information at the direction of the parent or guardian, where the parent retains responsibility for the information provided and personally confirms the declaration; and if she will provide clear written guidance on the assistance tutors may provide.

PQ62865/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of days of teaching lost to uncovered absence in primary schools nationally and in County Cork in the 2025/26 school year; the estimated number of qualified job-sharing teachers potentially available to provide substitute cover; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62899/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth given that unqualified persons, student teachers, special needs assistants and retired teachers may be engaged to provide substitute cover, the justification for continuing to prevent fully qualified and registered job-sharing teachers from providing such cover on their non-working days, including in their own schools where they already know the pupils and provide direct continuity of teaching; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62898/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a decision has been made on the suspension of the job-sharing substitution restriction for the 2026/27 school year; if the matter is currently under discussion with an organisation (details supplied); the date on which a formal announcement will issue to teachers and schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62897/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the equivalent restriction on teachers on career break undertaking substitute work has been suspended for the 2026/27 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62896/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1404. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the restriction under Circular 54/2019 preventing job-sharing teachers from undertaking substitute work on their non-working days has been suspended for the 2026/27 school year, in line with the arrangements that applied in each year from 2021/22 to 2025/26; the title and reference of the information note giving effect to this; the date of its publication; the date from which job-sharing teachers may take up such work in the current school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62895/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current rules that are governing job-share teachers undertaking substitute teaching on their non-job-sharing days; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62932/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently allow for the allocated school transport to remain in place for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62927/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to introduce a permanent policy allowing job-share teachers to undertake substitute work on their non-job-sharing days; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62933/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she has consider the particular impact of refusing to allow job-sharing teachers substitute teach on their non-job-sharing days on DEIS and DEIS Plus schools, where access to a reliable supply of substitute teachers is especially important; if she will review this policy from an educational disadvantage perspective; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62934/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to expand early intervention or family-based supports aimed at preventing long-term disengagement from education among children with special educational needs who are experiencing school refusal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62972/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total expenditure by her Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62949/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether job-sharing primary school teachers will be able to undertake substitute work on non-working days in the 2026/2027 school year.

PQ62936/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number and percentage of schools under her Department that had all sanctioned principal, teaching, special education teacher and SNA posts filled on 1 September 2026; and if she will provide the figures by school type and county.

PQ63005/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of sanctioned special education teacher posts that remained unfilled on 1 September 2026 in mainstream and special schools; and if she will provide a breakdown by county and school type.

PQ63004/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of sanctioned mainstream teaching posts that remained unfilled on 1 September 2026; the number in primary and post-primary schools; and if she will provide a breakdown by county.

PQ63003/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reporting or audit requirements that apply to schools receiving ICT infrastructure grants; whether schools must report the way in which the funding was spent; and whether the Department can identify the amount of such funding used to purchase devices for student use in each of the past three years.

PQ63006/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of sanctioned deputy principal posts that remained unfilled on 1 September 2026 in primary, post-primary and special schools; and if she will provide a breakdown by county

PQ63002/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of principal posts in schools under her Department that remained unfilled on 1 September 2026; the number in primary, post-primary and special schools; and if she will provide a breakdown by county.

PQ63001/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of sanctioned teaching, special education teaching, SNA and management posts that remained unfilled in schools under her Department at the commencement of the 2026/27 school year; and if she will provide the figures separately for mainstream and special schools.

PQ63000/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the arrangements are available where a school requires a digital device but a parent cannot afford to purchase it; whether schools are required to provide an alternative that does not disadvantage the student; the guidance that has been issued to schools on such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63007/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department uses surveys or research conducted by charities, voluntary organisations or other bodies when developing education policy; if so, which research was considered in 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if not, the reason such data is not considered.

PQ63018/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which her Department assesses whether measures introduced to reduce back-to-school costs are achieving their stated objective of reducing the financial burden on parents.

PQ63016/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the State Examinations Commission (SEC) will confirm whether the rules and procedures governing the responsibilities of Exam Aides and Superintendents are set out in the relevant handbooks; whether those guidelines provide for the granting of additional time where issues arise during an examination; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63013/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has examined whether reductions in family expenditure arising from the free schoolbooks scheme have been offset by increases in other school related costs, including uniforms, digital devices, school trips or other charges; and if so, to provide the findings.

PQ63010/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the State Examinations Commission (SEC) will clarify whether exam aides are required to be present throughout examination sittings; the procedures to be followed where uncertainty or issues arise during an examination; and whether SEC officials may be contacted for guidance or clarification in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63009/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the State Examinations Commission (SEC) will clarify whether exam aides are employed directly by the SEC; the role and responsibilities of an exam aide during State examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63008/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

1426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that school transport is provided for a non-verbal autistic child (details supplied) who has secured a place in a newly established ASD class in Cahersiveen; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63026/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether consideration has been given to the financial impact on teachers who elected to remain in job-sharing arrangements on the expectation that substitute work would continue to be permitted as in previous years; and whether transitional arrangements will be introduced pending a final decision.

PQ63034/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a decision will issue regarding the continuation of the temporary arrangements permitting job-sharing teachers to undertake substitute teaching during periods when they are rostered off duty; whether such arrangements will apply for the 2026/27 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63035/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has assessed the impact of increased fuel, insurance, vehicle, maintenance, staffing and other operating costs on the availability of school transport operators; if such an assessment has been undertaken, the findings; whether these costs have contributed to route withdrawals or non-renewals; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63047/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth In respect of school transport routes cancelled, discontinued or not renewed in each of the past four school years, the number attributable to the withdrawal of the contracted operator, the Department or Bus Éireann deciding not to renew a service, insufficient capacity, driver availability, vehicle availability, cost or contractual issues, or another stated reason; and if she will provide a breakdown by county.

PQ63044/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school transport routes operating in each of the school years 2025/26 and 2026/27 which were subsequently cancelled, discontinued or not renewed; the number of children affected by each such cancellation; and if she will provide the figures by county and school year.

PQ63041/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the assessment her Department has made since 2022 of the impact of increased living costs on the ability of families to meet school related expenditure; the findings of any such assessment, the measures introduced specifically in response to those findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63038/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school transport routes that currently have no contracted operator; the number of children affected; the number of tenders or requests for operators issued for these routes; the number which remain unfilled; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63049/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department records whether families receiving a school transport grant have voluntarily chosen private transport or have accepted the grant because no suitable school transport service was available; and, if this distinction is not recorded, whether she will introduce a mechanism to identify these two categories.

PQ63048/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the rates paid to school transport operators have been reviewed in each of the past four school years to reflect increases in fuel, insurance, wages, vehicle purchase, finance and maintenance costs; if she will provide details of any increases or other supports introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63057/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the specific expected completion date for the main contractor tender evaluation phase for a school (details supplied); the projected date for the official contract award and the subsequent move to the site demolition phase.

PQ63056/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

1437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the performance indicators her Department uses to assess whether the school transport scheme is successfully delivering transport for eligible children with special educational needs; and whether the number of children required to use private transport because no service is available is included as a performance indicator.

PQ63065/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department records the number of recognised schools requesting voluntary contributions from parents the average amount requested at primary and post-primary level and the number of complaints received in each of the past three years concerning voluntary contributions.

PQ63066/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether schools are required to include information on section 67 of the Education Act 1998 in their published admission policies; if not, whether she will consider requiring schools to provide clear information on the provision and the circumstances in which it may be used.

PQ63081/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the information her Department provides to parents and guardians about the powers and procedures under section 67 of the Education Act 1998 where a child has no school place; when and the way in which parents are informed that this mechanism may be available to them whether the Department has issued guidance to schools on informing families of this provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63077/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the procedure in place to ensure that parents, who have made all reasonable efforts but failed to secure a school placement for a child, are informed that section 67 of the Education Act 1998 may provide a route to a school placement and whether the Department monitors whether families are being informed of this provision.

PQ63075/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has investigated alternative buildings for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63116/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in her Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62981/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has plans to review the conditions placed on primary school teachers undertaking substitute teaching work while on career break such as the 90-day limit, the 40-day flat rate rule and all other conditions of career breaks; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63171/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when her Department will issue its decision on whether it will extend the temporary suspension of the 90-day limit for primary school teachers on career breaks undertaking substitute teaching work for the upcoming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63170/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she supports the extension of the temporary suspension of the 90-day limit for primary school teachers on career breaks undertaking substitute teaching work for the upcoming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63169/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the current restrictions preventing qualified, experienced teachers who are currently job-sharing from undertaking occasional substitute teaching work; if she will consider introducing a capped or restricted number of substitute days for job-sharing teachers, similar to arrangements available to teachers on career breaks, to alleviate both the current cost-of-living pressures on families and the severe substitute teacher shortages facing schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63152/26 | CATHAL CROWE

1448. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the NCSE and her Department expect to announce the primary schools that will be sanctioned to open new autism classes for the 2027/2028 school year; the arrangements in place for parents seeking placements for children who have received a letter of eligibility but local schools have advised that no places are currently available; the way in which admissions are managed where a new autism class is sanctioned after a school's standard admissions process has concluded; whether a separate admissions process is then operated for the new class; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63151/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

1449. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the continued lack of clarity on substitute teaching arrangements for teachers on career break and job-sharing arrangements for the 2026/2027 school year; the current status of her Department's review of these arrangements; when a decision will be communicated to schools and teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63150/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

1450. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding the mechanisms in place to plan for future requirements for school places in areas with rapid population growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63149/26 | BARRY WARD

1451. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding plans to increase the provision of secondary school places in Cherrywood, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63147/26 | BARRY WARD

1452. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding plans to increase the provision of primary school places in Cherrywood, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63146/26 | BARRY WARD

1453. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1071 of 29 July 2025, the position regarding a timeline for the completion of the secondary school in Cherrywood; if she is concerned of the impact on families if this project is not urgently progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63145/26 | BARRY WARD

1454. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the circumstances of a school transport application for a person (details supplied), whose application for transport for the 2026/2027 school year was unsuccessful due to capacity constraints despite an existing Bus Éireann service operating along the route and passing the students collection point; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63141/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1455. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school transport routes that were oversubscribed for the 2026/2027 school year; the number of eligible and concessionary applicants who were unsuccessful in securing places due to capacity constraints, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63140/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1456. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review a school transport application for a student (details supplied), who has travelled on the school transport service for the previous two academic years but was unsuccessful in securing a place for the 2026/2027 school year due to capacity constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63139/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1457. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures her Department is taking to ensure school transport capacity keeps pace with population growth and increasing school enrolment numbers in rapidly expanding communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63138/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1458. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether consideration is being given to amending the school transport scheme, to provide greater certainty for students who have previously travelled on a school transport service, on a concessionary basis but subsequently lose access to that service due to capacity constraints; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63137/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1459. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has received requests from Bus Éireann for additional capacity on the school transport route serving a school (details supplied); whether an assessment has been undertaken of demand on this route; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63136/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1460. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the capacity of the school transport route serving students in an area (details supplied) in view of reports that all available places for the 2026/2027 school year have been allocated, and that pupils who previously travelled on a concessionary basis have been unable to secure tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63135/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1461. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school building project (details supplied); when approval will issue for the project to progress from stage 2A to stage 2B; and whether the project is being considered for inclusion in the next tranche of school building projects to progress in 2027.

PQ63134/26 | PA DALY

1462. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the planning and construction stages of a new school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63176/26 | EAMON SCANLON

1463. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans in the short and medium term future to develop primary/secondary schools in Haggardstown, County Louth.

PQ63202/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1464. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost of not proceeding with the increases to school transport fees for primary and post-primary school pupils for the school year 2026/2027 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63218/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1465. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated first and full-year cost associated with abolishing water-related expenses paid by schools, in the State; and the estimated cost of the State taking on these expenses.

PQ63217/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1466. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the updated situation in relation to the finalisation of a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63213/26 | SEAN FLEMING

1467. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm that a place is being sought in a facility (details supplied); if any progress has been made; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63226/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1468. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the work that has been carried out by the NCSE in recent weeks to secure a school place for children (details supplied); if she will expedite a response to this question; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63225/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1469. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the circumstances that have led to students (details supplied) not securing a school place to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63224/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1470. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will confirm that the State and the NCSE has been in breach of its constitutional obligation, under Article 42, as 28 Augst 2026 in not ensuring a school place suitable to the needs for children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63223/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1471. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has undertaken an analysis of requests for additional mainstream postprimary capacity to establish whether such requests are distributed equitably between co-educational, girls' and boys' schools; if so, the findings of that analysis; if not, if she will undertake such an analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63294/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1472. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the criteria and methodology her Department applies when determining which post-primary school or schools should be requested to provide additional mainstream capacity where demand exceeds available places in a school-planning area; whether the existing and projected capacity of all schools serving the area is considered; the details of the methodology; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63293/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1473. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils who were unable to secure a place in their preferred postprimary school due to oversubscription; the number subsequently offered a place in another school; and, where alternative schools were available within the relevant school-planning area, the number of cases in which the alternative school was co-educational, a girls' school or a boys' school, in each of the past five years and to date in 2026.

PQ63292/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1474. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the recognised enrolment capacity of each postprimary school in each school planning area; the number of pupils enrolled in each school; the number of available places; and, where a school-planning area contains both single-sex and co-educational schools, if her Department treats the capacity of each school equally when assessing the need for additional places; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63291/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1475. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of occasions in each of the past five years and to date in 2026 on which her Department has sought additional mainstream post-primary capacity from one school where two or more other post-primary schools also serve the same school planning area, the number of such cases involving co-educational schools, girls' schools and boys' schools; the criteria applied by her Department in determining which school or schools should provide the additional capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63290/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1476. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth in respect of requests made by her Department for additional mainstream post-primary capacity, the number of requests made to co-educational schools, girls' schools and boys' schools; the number of additional classes and places sought from each category, by school-planning area, in each of the past five years and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63289/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1477. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of schools which her Department has requested to provide additional mainstream post-primary places; the number of additional classes and places requested from each school, by school, school type and school-planning area, in each of the past five years and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63288/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1478. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of additional mainstream post-primary school places her Department has determined were required in each of the past five years and to date in 2026, broken down by school-planning area; the number of additional classes required to meet that demand, by year and school planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63287/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1479. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason teachers who are job sharing cannot make themselves available for substitute work on their non-working days.

PQ63301/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1480. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will clarify whether job-sharing teachers will be permitted to undertake substitute teaching work on their non-working days during the 2026/27 school year; if a decision on this matter has been made by her Department; if discussions have taken place, or are ongoing, with education stakeholders including the INTO regarding the continuation of the temporary arrangements that have applied in recent years; when a formal announcement can be expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63323/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1481. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide clarification in a case (details supplied).

PQ63335/26 | PAUL MURPHY

1482. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason job sharing teachers are prohibited from undertaking substitute teaching on their non-working days; if this policy will be reviewed in light of ongoing substitute teacher shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63337/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1483. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware that a school in County Kildare is oversubscribed; and if she will outline the actions her Department is taking to address this for the local community.

PQ63340/26 | MARK WALL

1484. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in her Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63348/26 | GED NASH

1485. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on an appeal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63430/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1486. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) and allow for substitute teaching work in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63394/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1487. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department intends to lift the restriction on job-sharing teachers substituting during their non-working days for 2026/27; if her Department is considering refusing the extension; the justification for preventing qualified and experienced teachers from filling substitute vacancies at a time when schools need them while at the same time continuing to allow unqualified students etc to fill these vacancies.

PQ63379/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

1488. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department intends to lift the restriction on job-sharing teachers substituting during their non-working days for the 2026/27 school year; if she will provide the rationale for the restriction currently in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63374/26 | GED NASH

1489. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for the full list of secondary school bus routes that operate within County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63370/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1490. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there is a statutory maximum pupil-teacher ratio, maximum class size or maximum classroom occupancy limit applicable to individual classrooms in primary schools for the purposes of compliance with fire safety regulations; the legislative, regulatory or guidance basis for any such limits; whether responsibility for determining safe classroom occupancy levels rests with school management authorities, school patrons, design professionals or the relevant fire authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63464/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

1491. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under her Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63450/26 | GED NASH

1492. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she accepts that requiring a family to provide private transport because a previously available school transport route has ceased or may be unavailable; if it creates a barrier of access to education for families, depending on their ability to provide that transport; the assessment that has been made of this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63063/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1493. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by her Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63475/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1494. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth regarding any ongoing planning permissions in relation to new secondary schools in Cherrywood, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63515/26 | BARRY WARD

1495. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of primary school classes in Laois; the number of primary school classes in Laois that are in excess of the EU average of 19 pupils; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ63532/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

1496. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether a review has been undertaken of the current distance eligibility criteria for school transport; whether proposals to reduce these criteria are under consideration; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ63552/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1497. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the additional number of school buses and drivers that will be required to facilitate the expansion of the school transport scheme to 2030; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ63551/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1498. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated capital and current expenditure required to expand the school transport scheme to meet projected student population growth to 2030, for each year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63550/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1499. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to ensure that the school transport scheme can accommodate the Programme for Government commitment to provide for an additional 100,000 students by 2030; the projected increase in school transport demand arising from this population growth; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ63548/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1500. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to ensure the commitment to reduce primary school pupil teacher ration to 19-1 is implemented in the budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63547/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1501. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of concessionary school transport tickets were issued for the 25/26 school year and the number of concessionary school transport tickets were issued for the 26/27 school year by county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63555/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1502. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to allow assistive technology for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63554/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1503. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review an appeal lodged in relation to the provision of a grant under the home tuition scheme for 2026/2027 for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63631/26 | COLM BURKE

1504. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an additional accommodation scheme application for a school (details supplied; the stage the application currently sits; when it is likely the school will move to the next phase of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63625/26 | COLM BURKE

1505. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to strongly consider an emergency works scheme appeal for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63626/26 | COLM BURKE

1506. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans for investment in libraries in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63649/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1507. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether permanent teachers who are job sharing will be permitted to undertake substitute teaching on their non-rostered days during 2026-2027; and if her Department intends to continue the relaxation of the previous restriction for the coming school year.

PQ63613/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1508. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a taxi escort service will be put in place without delay on a route (details supplied) given that there is a taxi escort available for the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63597/26 | COLM BURKE

1509. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special classes to be delivered with a school building project (details supplied); the number of places will be available; and when the class or classes are likely to be operational.

PQ63671/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1510. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether consideration will be given to permanently amending Circular 54/2019 to allow fully qualified Teaching Council registered job sharing teachers to undertake substitute teaching on their rostered off days, subject to their total working hours not exceeding those of a fulltime teacher; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63585/26 | COLM BURKE

1511. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the restriction contained in Circular 54/2019, which prevents job sharing teachers from undertaking substitute teaching on rostered-off days will again be lifted for the 2026-2027 school year; when guidance will issue to schools on the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63584/26 | COLM BURKE

1512. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide a school place bus for a child (details supplied) in County Kildare.

PQ63582/26 | MARK WALL

1513. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the alternative educational provision being made for children who require a special class place at a school (details supplied) given the withdrawal of funding for the planned special class classroom; where such children are expected to access appropriate education; if she will review the decision and reinstate funding for the special class facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63698/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1514. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a school (details supplied) was consulted prior to the withdrawal of funding for the special class classroom in its new school building; the assessment that was carried out of current and projected demand for special class places at the school; the number of children currently eligible for or awaiting special class provision at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63697/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1515. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason funding for the special class classroom planned as part of the new school building project at a school (details supplied) was withdrawn; the date on which this decision was made; who authorised the decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63695/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1516. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a letter of intent has been issued for a new school building (details supplied); when a letter of acceptance is expected to be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63722/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1517. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the breakdown of the demand in school transport service for the bus route (details supplied); the number of children who applied; the number allocated a bus place; and if her Department has considering adding extra capacity.

PQ63740/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1518. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to ensure adequate school places are available in the Rathcoole, Newcastle and wider South Dublin area in light of significant residential development, increasing demand for school places and existing capacity pressures in neighbouring schools; and whether consideration will be given to retaining the current teaching post in a school (details supplied) which provides education for families residing in IPAS accommodation and has established autism classes, in order to avoid large class amalgamations and maintain capacity for future enrolment growth.

PQ63808/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1519. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has assessed the impact that the absence of a confirmed timeline for the relocation of a school serving the Rathcoole area to its permanent site has had on enrolment levels; whether the repeated relocation of the school and the uncertainty regarding its permanent accommodation will be taken into account when determining staffing allocations for the 2027/2028 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63806/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1520. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department is reviewing the current arrangements governing substitute teaching by job sharing teachers on rostered off days, having regard to ongoing teacher supply needs and the temporary arrangements introduced in recent school years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63586/26 | COLM BURKE

1521. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to update the information notes on job sharing for teachers

PQ63827/26 | JEN CUMMINS

1522. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on releasing Leaving Certificate results for a student (details supplied); to provide the family with clarity on the way in which this student can access the CAO for the upcoming academic year.

PQ63826/26 | EMER CURRIE

1523. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she has sought or will seek a report from the NCCA regarding the resignation of two members of the Leaving Certificate Mathematics Development Group; the concerns raised regarding mathematical inaccuracies, curriculum content and the consideration of subject-matter expertise; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63824/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1524. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason teachers who completed recognised postgraduate qualifications in special educational needs and resource teaching after the discontinuation of qualification allowances do not receive any financial recognition; whether consideration is being given to reinstating a qualification allowance for such qualifications; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63821/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1525. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on correspondence regarding access to assistive technology (details supplied).

PQ63820/26 | EMER CURRIE

1526. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a school transport route (details supplied).

PQ63835/26 | EMER CURRIE

1527. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on school transport for a student; and if her Department will engage with the family regarding the special transport grant (details supplied).

PQ63834/26 | EMER CURRIE

1528. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the membership and composition of subject development groups of each Leaving Certificate subject (details supplied); the number of members who have resigned or otherwise withdrawn from each group since its establishment; the process by which subject-matter expertise and recommendations are considered in the drafting of new curriculum specifications; whether a record is maintained of recommendations by members not incorporated into a draft specification; the reasons for their rejection; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63843/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1529. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider granting exceptional flexibility under the primary staffing arrangements for a school (details supplied) that is projected to have an enrolment of 135 pupils on 30 September 2026, six pupils below the threshold required to retain its current staffing allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63805/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1530. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the proposed transition of a school (details supplied), to a Gaelscoil; when the school can expect direct engagement from the relevant section of her Department regarding its application; the supports required to facilitate the transition, particularly in view of the school's intention to commence with Naíonáin Shóisearacha in September 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63804/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

1531. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she intends to issue an updated circular regarding the 'scheme of grants towards the purchase of essential assistive technology equipment for pupils with physical or communicative disabilities'; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63780/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

1532. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the exceptional circumstances of a school (details supplied) will be considered in their allocation of teachers for the 2026/2027 school year; if some leniency will be provided to avoid amalgamated class sizes of over 30 pupils and to ensure the school can continue to grow.

PQ63760/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1533. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department plans to lift the restriction on job-sharing teachers substituting during their non-working days for 2026/2027;• whether a decision has already been made, or is currently being discussed with a union (details supplied);• when teachers can expect a formal announcement;• if her Department is considering refusing the extension; and the justification for preventing qualified and experienced teachers from filling substitute vacancies at a time when schools need them.

PQ63758/26 | ROBERT TROY

1534. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of a school bus appeal.

PQ63892/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1535. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider providing funding for school-based digital device loan schemes to eliminate direct costs to families associated with the purchase or rental of digital devices required for education; and the estimated cost of extending such schemes nationally.

PQ63917/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1536. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children who, as of 1 September 2026, have been identified as requiring a special school or special class placement but for whom an appropriate placement has not been secured, by county and by placement type; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63991/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1537. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is satisfied that the nearest school rule under the school transport scheme is operating fairly for families whose children cannot secure a place in their nearest school; the appeals and exemptions available in such cases; and if her Department has undertaken any review of the impact of the rule on rural families.

PQ63986/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

1538. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children without an appropriate special school or special class placement at the beginning of the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63992/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1539. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the pathways available for those wishing to qualify as a special education teacher who are not currently qualified teachers but do not wish to teach in mainstream schools.

PQ63993/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1540. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if consideration will be given by her Department for the resourcing of an additional school bus for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63994/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1541. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children participating in, or approved for, home tuition for the 2026-2027 school year specifically because an appropriate special education placement was unavailable; the projected cost of such provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63995/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1542. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils currently deemed ineligible for school transport despite attending the nearest school in which they could obtain a place; and if she will consider amending the eligibility criteria to reflect school admissions constraints rather than geographic proximity alone.

PQ63984/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

1543. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current status, as of September 2026, of proposals to provide school secretaries and caretakers with pension parity and improved leave entitlements; the progress made in discussions with representative bodies; the outstanding issues preventing agreement; the timeline for implementation; the measures her Department will take to resolve the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63996/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1544. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils receiving school transport to a special school or special class who have scheduled journeys of more than 30 minutes, 60 minutes and 90 minutes respectively, in each direction; the longest scheduled journey currently undertaken by a pupil; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63998/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1545. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of special classes planned for commencement for the 2026-2027 school year which were not operational on the first day of the school year; the reasons for any delay; the expected opening date of each delayed class; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63997/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1546. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of children attending a special school or special class outside their county of residence, broken down by county of residence; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63999/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1547. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of eligible applicants for the school transport scheme for the 2026-2027 school year; the number allocated a seat; the number who remain without a seat, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64000/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1548. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the rollout of common application processes for post primary schools in Dublin 15.

PQ63973/26 | EMER CURRIE

1549. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will ensure that school transport capacity will be increased with immediate effect taking into account the serious difficulties facing many families where inadequate capacity is depriving students of transport and given that many of these students had transport in previous school years.

PQ63962/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

1550. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when it is proposed to implement the terms of the School Transport Review to reduce distance criteria and expand eligibility.

PQ63961/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

1551. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of any outstanding processes relating to the Immigrant Investor Programme which are affecting the transfer of the new Saplings Special School building in Killeshin, County Carlow to the Department of Education and Youth; the actions her Department is taking to expedite resolution of these issues; whether discussions have taken place with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration regarding the matter.

PQ63951/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

1552. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to consider extending the temporary arrangement that allowed a job sharing teacher to be employed in a substitute capacity in any school during the period they are rostered off duty, for the 2026-2027 school year.

PQ64035/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1553. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has engaged with the board of management of Saplings Special School, Killeshin, County Carlow, regarding any issues impacting the completion and opening of the new school building; the specific measures being taken to ensure the project is delivered as quickly as possible.

PQ63950/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

1554. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated annual cost of providing an additional 500, 1,000 and 1,500 posts of responsibility across primary and post-primary schools respectively; the current number of posts of responsibility compared with 2008; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64033/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1555. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated additional annual cost of providing sufficient capacity within the school transport scheme to ensure that every eligible child who applies before the relevant deadline can be offered a seat; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64011/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1556. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of post-primary schools known to her Department to require incoming students to purchase or lease a tablet, laptop or other digital device; the average cost to families where known; whether her Department intends to collect this information nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64031/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1557. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of additional school transport routes and vehicles commissioned for the 2026-2027 school year compared with 2025-2026; the additional passenger capacity thereby provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64008/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1558. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of concessionary school transport applications received for the 2026-2027 school year; the number approved, refused and awaiting determination; the corresponding figures for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64006/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1559. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of permanent and fixed-term teaching posts which remained unfilled at the commencement of the 2026/27 school year, broken down by primary and post-primary level and by county, insofar as this information is available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64026/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1560. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated annual cost of reducing the mainstream primary pupil-teacher ratio by one point; the number of additional teaching posts required to achieve this; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64024/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1561. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated cost in 2027 and on a full-year basis of employing an additional 1,000 primary school teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64021/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1562. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the additional payment to teachers in recognition of working in a DEIS+ school; if this payment will also be made to SNAs in these schools; if so, when this will occur; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64063/26 | JOHN BRADY

1563. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether the Department intends to lift the restrictions on job-sharing teachers undertaking substitute work on their non-working days for the 2026/27 school year; when a formal announcement on this matter is expected, the rationale for preventing qualified and experienced teachers from filling substitute vacancies at a time when schools continue to face staffing shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64051/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1564. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has estimated the aggregate amount raised annually by recognised primary and post-primary schools through voluntary contributions from parents; if so, to provide the estimate for each of the past five years; whether she will commission such an analysis if this information is not currently collected; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64028/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1565. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of teachers who sought documentation from her Department or the Teaching Council for the purpose of teaching abroad in 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date, broken down by destination country where available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64027/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1566. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total ICT grant funding provided to schools in each year from 2019 to 2026; the projected allocation for 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64032/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1567. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 254 of 15 April 2026, whether her Department has completed the evaluation, due to take place at the end of the 2025/2026 school year, of the pilots operating under the school transport scheme; the outcome of these evaluations; and the way in which the outcome will determine the further roll out of the recommendations of the School Transport Report 2030.

PQ64095/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

1568. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the recruitment campaign for education therapy services, in particular for County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64098/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

1569. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the delay in arranging school transport for children attending special schools and autism classes for the 2026/2027 school year; the reason adequate preparations were not made in advance to ensure transport services were operational when schools reopened; the steps being taken to urgently provide suitable transport for affected children; and the measures that will be implemented to ensure similar delays do not occur in the future.

PQ64047/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1570. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the average cost per square metre for the construction of new school accommodation in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and to provide these figures separately for primary and post-primary school developments, by county, in tabular form.

PQ64075/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

1571. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the basic building cost limit or other cost per square metre benchmark applied by her Department to school building projects in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and the percentage increase in this benchmark in each year; and the factors contributing to any increases.

PQ64076/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

1572. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review correspondence in relation to a person concerning schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64245/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

1573. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason for the delay in arranging school transport for children attending special schools and autism classes for the 2026/27 school year; the reason adequate preparations were not made in advance to ensure transport services were operational when schools reopened; the steps being taken to urgently provide suitable transport for affected children; and the measures that will be implemented to ensure similar delays do not occur in the future.

PQ64048/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1574. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); the steps that can be taken to increase capacity on school bus services in the Crosskeys area; if she will address the situation whereby 17 children in the area have been refused tickets on the grounds that the bus is at full capacity.

PQ64437/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

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1575. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59563/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1576. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the progress of the draft new guidelines for the per cent for art scheme which were prepared in 2024 to replace the existing guidelines; and a timeframe for when he intends to implement new guidelines.

PQ59585/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

1577. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update following the stakeholders' forum on plans for section 481 to ensure that quality employment is delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59611/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1578. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on social media disinformation and combatting it; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59637/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1579. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update and timeline on LSSIF and sports capital funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59641/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1580. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on his engagement with the FAI about long term planning to ensure the sustainability of the League of Ireland, including the upgrading of stadiums; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59643/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1581. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on his engagement with Louth GAA on the delivery of the new stadium in Dundalk; and the plans for LSSIF funding to facilitate this; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59647/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1582. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the anti-violence campaigns, educational programmes and public awareness initiatives that have been run by sporting organisations in receipt of State funding during the past ten years to combat violence, intimidation, abuse and assault involving players, spectators, coaches, volunteers and match officials, both on and off the field of play; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59706/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

1583. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when his Department awards funding to sport organisations that deal with children the process that is used to ensure safeguarding in the organisation safeguarding standards are of a high quality; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59740/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

1584. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 1478 of 28 July 2026, to provide within the reply a complete itemised list of all events, productions and exhibitions funded under Cultúr 2026 to date, specifying in each case the amount allocated, the recipient organisation, and the date of approval, in tabular form and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59744/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1585. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason retirees of An Post have not yet received their pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59683/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1586. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the plans to support the development of tennis in Ireland.

PQ59973/26 | EOIN HAYES

1587. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department offers funding schemes for local authorities to develop or refurbish parks used for skateboarding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60038/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1588. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of applications for the small scale local festivals and summer schools funding scheme 2026 that were received for counties Wicklow and Wexford; the number that were unsuccessful, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60090/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1589. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60158/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1590. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount expended in respect of a report by a company (details supplied) regarding the economic impact of hosting next year's Ryder Cup; and the amount expended in respect of legal costs relating to the same report to date.

PQ60283/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

1591. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress on the Programme for Government commitment to provide affordable spaces for artists to work and collaborate.

PQ60463/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1592. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on plans outlined in the Programme for Government to improve the touring of works scheme; and outline the incentives that are in place for artistic groups and theatre companies to tour regional venues.

PQ60470/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1593. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress on the Programme for Government commitment to expand arts programming in early childhood education.

PQ60476/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1594. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the progress on the Programme for Government commitment to develop a youth culture card.

PQ60478/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1595. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60674/26 | GED NASH

1596. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the estimated first and full-year cost of abolishing the television licence and funding public service media from the central Exchequer, in line with the Report on the Future of Media Commission published in 2022 and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60991/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1597. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60926/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1598. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61042/26 | MATT CARTHY

1599. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the expected opening date for the next round of the cultural capital scheme; the level of funding that is anticipated to be available under each stream of the scheme; whether changes to the eligibility criteria or application process are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60593/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1600. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he intends to introduce legislation to provide a legal basis for the implementation of an SMS scam filter capable of identifying and blocking fraudulent SMS messages before they reach consumers; if so, the anticipated timeframe for such legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61168/26 | COLM BURKE

1601. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department, in conjunction with ComReg, has examined the operation of SMS scam filtering systems in other EU Member States, including Belgium, Denmark and Poland; whether consideration is being given to introducing a comparable system in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61169/26 | COLM BURKE

1602. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he is concerned at reports of a significant increase in fraudulent SMS campaigns in Ireland during 2026; the additional measures being considered to protect consumers from financial loss arising from SMS fraud; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61170/26 | COLM BURKE

1603. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on proposals being considered by ComReg to combat large-scale fraudulent SMS campaigns, including limits on unusually high volumes of SMS messages, automated blocking of SIM cards associated with scam activity and measures relating to the activation and use of prepaid SIM cards; the timeframe for the implementation of any such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61171/26 | COLM BURKE

1604. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an assessment of the effectiveness to date of measures introduced to combat fraudulent calls and SMS messages, including the SMS Sender ID Registry and number-spoofing protections; the further measures planned in response to fraudsters adapting their methods to circumvent these protections; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61172/26 | COLM BURKE

1605. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reasons for the delay in the provision of funding under the Large Scale Sporting Infrastructure Fund for the development of a facility in County Wexford (details supplied); if he is concerned about the impact of rising construction costs as a result of such delays; the measures his Department is taking to expedite matters to ensure construction commences; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61162/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1606. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60034/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1607. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to list all meetings that he has had with representatives of social media or technology companies since coming to office

PQ61283/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1608. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department will assist with the payment of all outstanding grants that were previously announced for a club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61029/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1609. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the funding available to provide a water connection to a GAA club in County Kerry; (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61149/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1610. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when full mobile phone reception will be available in the numerous blackspots in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60235/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1611. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when full mobile phone reception will be available at Ballycleave, Glenbeigh, County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60226/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1612. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when full mobile phone reception will be available at Dromid, Waterville, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60223/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1613. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when it is envisaged that full mobile phone reception will be available at Glencuttane, Killorglin, County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60225/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1614. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when it is envisaged that full mobile phone reception will be available between Camp and Annascaul, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60229/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1615. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when full mobile phone reception will be available between Mountain Stage, Glenbeigh and Kells, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60232/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1616. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61352/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1617. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the expenditure incurred by each Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by Department, consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61334/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1618. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's position on the views of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60772/26 | EMER CURRIE

1619. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to report on progress to meet his commitments under the national human rights strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60746/26 | PA DALY

1620. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when full mobile phone reception will be available between Loo Bridge and Kilgarvan, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60230/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1621. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when it is envisaged full mobile phone reception will be available between Inch and Annascaul, County Kerry, at the location where the coastal road rises to Annascaul village; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60227/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1622. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the OSCAR system portal for the community sport facilities fund is expected to be launched for new registrations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60345/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1623. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the new community sport facilities fund guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60341/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1624. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the next round of the community sport facilities fund is expected to be open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60337/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1625. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if the salaries for seconded nighttime economy officers across local authorities are continuing for the year 2026-2027 and are being factored into local authority budgets; to detail, those officers, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60404/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1626. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide details of the meetings he has had with representatives of social media or technology companies since coming to office.

PQ61374/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1627. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason a body (details supplied) cannot get an Eircode; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60052/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1628. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to Parliamentary Question No. 104 of 11 June 2026, for an update on the new pilot programme of capital funding for arts and culture organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61767/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1629. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider establishing a mobile museum of Ireland to display the best of the historical artefacts held in the States national museums and collections; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61751/26 | CHRISTOPHER O'SULLIVAN

1630. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61571/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1631. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the rollout of highspeed broadband in Tipperary; the number of premises in Tipperary still awaiting a connection; the anticipated completion date for fibre broadband rollout in Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61801/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1632. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will consider an independent review into a charity in Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60162/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1633. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of ringfenced Exchequer funding allocated to independent commercial radio stations in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62058/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1634. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether his Department or the Commission for Communications Regulation has carried out any assessment of the condition and resilience of radio transmission infrastructure operated by independent broadcasters; whether independent radio is included in national emergency communications planning for circumstances in which broadband and mobile networks fail; whether he will consider a dedicated capital fund for that infrastructure in Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62055/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1635. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether, in the context of the establishment of Ciste na Meán under the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2026, he will provide for a minimum share of scheme funding for content produced by independent radio broadcasters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62054/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1636. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport further to the annual work programme and estimates of income and expenditure submitted to him by Coimisiún na Meán, whether he will consider meeting the cost of those functions from Exchequer funding in Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62053/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1637. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total amount levied on sound broadcasting services by Coimisiún na Meán in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026, in tabular form; the proportion of the total expenditure of An Coimisiún met from levy income and from Exchequer funding respectively in each of those years; whether any reconciliation refund has been made to sound broadcasters following audit of actual expenditure in any of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62052/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1638. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if a multi-annual funding pathway for senior inter-county player grants is under consideration by his Department; the engagement his Department and Sport Ireland have had with an organisation (details supplied) since October 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62084/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1639. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has received a submission (details supplied) seeking an increase in the annual fund for senior inter-county player grants to €10 million; if that submission is under consideration in the context of Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62082/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1640. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total current funding provided to Sport Ireland high performance programmes in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the total provided under the Government grant scheme for senior inter-county gaelic games players in the same years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62081/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1641. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date on which payments under the Government grant scheme for senior inter-county Gaelic games players issued to players in respect of each of the years 2022 to 2025; the expected date of payment in respect of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62079/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1642. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total amount paid under the Government grant scheme for senior inter-county Gaelic games players to players in each county in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62077/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1643. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the average payment made to male players and to female players under the Government grant scheme for senior inter-county Gaelic games players in each year from 2016 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62076/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1644. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of players in receipt of a payment under the Government grant scheme for senior inter-county Gaelic games players in each year from 2016 to date in 2026, disaggregated by Gaelic football, hurling, ladies Gaelic football and camogie, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62075/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1645. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total amount allocated to the Government grant scheme for senior inter-county Gaelic games players in each year from 2016 to 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62074/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1646. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to review case of a person (details supplied); if he can provide an update on this application or when decisions might be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62117/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1647. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if any assessment has been carried out by his Department or by Sport Ireland of the relationship between the level of player grants and the retention of senior inter-county players in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62087/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1648. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will outline all funding allocated by his Department for projects, programmes and initiatives in the Cavan and Monaghan constituency from 1 January 2025 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62181/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1649. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's role in relation to the Irish Manuscripts Commission, including any funding provided over the past ten years.

PQ62216/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

1650. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his Department's role in relation to Marsh's Library, including the funding provided over the past ten years.

PQ62215/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

1651. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the involvement the Government has in supporting the Jeanie Johnston tall ship famine museum since the dissolution of the Dublin Docklands Development Authority.

PQ62209/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

1652. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to list by responsible Department the state agencies or public bodies which operate or have made commitments to operate museums, galleries, libraries and archives, or provide exhibits for museums, galleries, libraries and archives; to provide details on the work, funding and staffing involved for each; and his Department's role in facilitating, supporting or overseeing such work.

PQ62210/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

1653. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being considered to support local and independent radio broadcasters given the economic challenges currently facing the sector; if further targeted funding or supports will be made available to assist stations in continuing to provide local news, public information and community broadcasting services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62345/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1654. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department has received representations or pre-Budget submissions from representatives of the independent radio sector seeking additional State supports; the proposals currently under consideration by his Department arising from such engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62347/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1655. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for the latest update on the development of the national cricket stadium; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62615/26 | EMER CURRIE

1656. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he expects to publish the new national guidelines for Per Cent for Art.

PQ62656/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1657. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he and ComReg plan to require telecoms providers to establish a form of multi-factor authentication for 'SIM swaps', equivalent to the system in use in Australia and the US; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62736/26 | GED NASH

1658. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will confirm that under the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF), only 19% of the target number of projects 'under construction', and 40% of the target number of projects to be 'completed', have been delivered; the steps he intends to take to ensure his Departments targets are delivered by the end of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ62802/26 | BARRY WARD

1659. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when he will publish the new National Guidelines for Per Cent for Art, which have been with his Department for more than two years; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ62970/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

1660. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62952/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1661. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures being taken to address poor broadband connectivity in the Tarbert area of north Kerry (details supplied); to provide an update on plans to improve high-speed broadband services in the area and the timeframe for same.

PQ63122/26 | PA DALY

1662. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62982/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1663. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the amount of money that the Irish Museum of Modern Art received for allowing the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham to be used as a concert venue; and when the rent for such events was last reviewed.

PQ63159/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

1664. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he has been advised by the Board of the National Library of Ireland of the reason that the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland has been unable to accept applications or enquiries from the public and members of the Irish diaspora for the provision of heraldic services for approximately three years now; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63311/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

1665. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport whether he authorised the Board of the National Library of Ireland to effectively suspend the operation of Section 13 of the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997 for approximately three years now; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63312/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

1666. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures his Department will take to ensure that the Board of the National Library of Ireland has sufficient resources to provide the State's heraldic services in accordance with Sections 12 and 13 of the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997 given that they have been effectively suspended for approximately three years now; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63313/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

1667. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to bring forward amending legislation to provide for the regularisation and confirmation of the legislative status of the grants of arms made by the Chief Heralds of Ireland between 1 April 1943 and the 3 May 2005 when the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997, was commenced, and during which period the State had no legislative authority to grant arms as confirmed by successive Attorneys General; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63314/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

1668. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63346/26 | GED NASH

1669. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63448/26 | GED NASH

1670. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63473/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1671. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the reason the Corduff group water scheme is unable to get an Eircode (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59906/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1672. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any work ongoing within his Department that seeks to improve the level of protection for children online; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63607/26 | BARRY WARD

1673. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on whether a ban on the use of social media for under 16s could be implemented in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63604/26 | BARRY WARD

1674. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he plans to assess the success of the implementation of a ban on social media for under 16s in Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63603/26 | BARRY WARD

1675. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the adequacy of existing laws and regulations in protecting children online; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63606/26 | BARRY WARD

1676. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the extent to which a proposed ban on the use of social media by under 16s has been assessed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63605/26 | BARRY WARD

1677. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any research that his Department has carried out into the EU proposal to set the minimum age requirement for social media use at 13 years-of-age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63602/26 | BARRY WARD

1678. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he proposes to support an EU proposal to set the minimum age requirement for social media use at 13 years-of-age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63601/26 | BARRY WARD

1679. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding any engagement he has had with his EU counterparts regarding the EU proposal to set the age requirement for social media use at 13 years-of-age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63600/26 | BARRY WARD

1680. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his views on the proposal to set the minimum age requirement for social media use at 13 years-of-age (details supplied); his views on the adequacy of this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63599/26 | BARRY WARD

1681. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt cén méid maoinithe reatha agus chaipitiúil atá tugtha do TG4 gach bliain ó bunaíodh é, i bhfoirm tábla.

PQ64042/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

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

1682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59564/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the mandatory retirement age in order to allow fit and willing firefighters to extend their service to 66 years-of-age; if he will examine the implementation of voluntary fitness-based assessments to ensure that capability, rather than an arbitrary age ceiling, is used in determining a firefighter's fitness for duty; and if he will ensure protection of pension structures in order that those who choose to serve longer are fairly recognised and not structurally penalised.

PQ59578/26 | PA DALY

1684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will provide increased and ring-fenced funding to local authorities for housing adaptations required by social housing tenants on medical grounds; whether he is aware that Dublin City Council and a number of other local authorities currently have insufficient funding to undertake major adaptation works or extensions, leaving tenants in accommodation that is undignified and unsuitable for their medical needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59580/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

1685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will provide Dublin City Council with the funding required to carry out urgent and necessary adaptation works to the home of a child (details supplied); whether he is aware that the requested adaptations have not proceeded due to a lack of available funding and that there is no realistic prospect of an appropriate housing transfer within a reasonable timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59582/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

1686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will look at excluding private pensions available through employment for the differential rent scheme for local authority tenants and that such pensions would be included under superannuation excluded from assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59593/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of all communications received by his Department since 1 January 2010 regarding the commencement of section 31 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 (details supplied); if those communications include any representations, submissions, or correspondence from local authority chief executives, county managers, or local authority representative bodies including the County and City Management Association; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59612/26 | PAUL MURPHY

1688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reasons section 31 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 has not been commenced in the seventeen years since its enactment; whether his Department has carried out any assessment of the impact of commencing the section; whether the question of commencement has been raised in any formal review, consultation, or policy process within his Department since 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59614/26 | PAUL MURPHY

1689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he intends to commence section 31 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009; and, in light of recent unilateral increases in differential rent schemes by multiple local authority chief executives without a vote of elected councillors, whether he considers the commencement of that section to be necessary to restore democratic accountability over rent-setting in local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59617/26 | PAUL MURPHY

1690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of issues regarding a tenancy (details supplied); the supports in place for the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59646/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

1691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the procurement and payment data that local authorities, including Cork City Council and Cork County Council, are required to report centrally; the format in which that data is reported and whether it is published in a machine readable form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59658/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Department or the Local Government Management Agency holds data on the concentration of local authority expenditure in the final quarter of the year; if so, to set out that data for Cork City Council and Cork County Council for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59664/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to criticisms of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59710/26 | BARRY WARD

1694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59713/26 | BARRY WARD

1695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he is taking to ensure that the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant is as accessible as possible for applicants seeking to renovate a vacant property; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59738/26 | BARRY WARD

1696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the adequacy of the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant; his views that there is a lack of flexibility in the qualifying criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59754/26 | BARRY WARD

1697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide details of the total number of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants that have been fully drawn down, by local authority area, for each year since the grant was made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59760/26 | BARRY WARD

1698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the eligibility criteria for the first home scheme to allow a greater number of first-time buyers to qualify for and purchase their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59832/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide local authorities with the necessary funding to reinstate rent control and compliance inspector positions to ensure that tenants continue to comply with the rules set out in their tenancy agreements and tenant handbooks; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59838/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the regulations governing the purchase of social housing local authority homes so that it will require tenants to wait 30 years before becoming eligible to purchase their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59850/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing legislation or regulations placing a positive obligation on developers to complete all promised amenities, including playgrounds, crèches and other community facilities, and requiring development works to pause until such amenities are at least 20% complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59862/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing legislation or regulations to make it mandatory for all new residential developments comprising of more than ten units to include solar energy systems, or alternative renewable energy technologies, together with battery storage facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59869/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and location of State-owned land parcels in County Louth that have been identified for housing development; whether he will ensure that appropriate portions of such lands are reserved for affordable housing to increase the delivery of affordable homes in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59882/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proportion of State-owned land parcels in County Louth that have been allocated for affordable housing in comparison to social housing, in tabular form.

PQ59887/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing legislation or regulations to ensure that any person who is the subject of a barring order is removed from the tenancy agreement relating to a local authority social housing dwelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59893/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the mechanisms in place within the Planning and Development (Exempted Development Act (Act of 2000)) (No. 3) Regulations 2026 for modular homes that existed prior to the enacting of the legislation or separate dwellings within a primary residence (details supplied); whether owners will be required to register tenancies with the RTB; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59927/26 | BARRY WARD

1707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on all taskforces led by his Department; the dates on which they have met since the taskforces inception; the breakdown of all subgroups; the dates on which each subgroup has met; the breakdown of all progress achieved including reports published and explicit policy recommendations issues; and the policy recommendations implemented to date since the taskforces' inception, in tabular form.

PQ60021/26 | PA DALY

1708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request An Coimisiún Pleanála to confirm the number of decisions on one off housing appeals that were issued during the past four years and to date in 2026, within three months, six months, nine months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months and two years of the appeal being received, in tabular form; the length of time the longest decision took to issue (details supplied) and will the Minister make a statement on the matter.

PQ60030/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding any review of the allowances for Ukrainian citizens to qualify for housing supports while under temporary protective status and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60033/26 | BARRY WARD

1710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the impact of the delay of the onshore wind energy guidelines; if he has discussed this delay with industry stakeholders and / or local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60058/26 | PA DALY

1711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the delay is having an adverse impact on local support for onshore wind energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60077/26 | PA DALY

1712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual housing delivery targets for North Kildare, including social, affordable and cost rental units; and to provide an update on progress against these targets for 2024–2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60101/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of WTE wildlife fire advisors currently employed within his Department, in tabular form; and if they will make a statement on the matter

PQ60135/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes and affordable housing schemes delivered to date in each local authority area, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60153/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the number of drawdowns for the first home scheme is so low in Kerry compared to other counties especially those of equivalent population size; the reason only a quarter of those approved are drawing down (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60156/26 | PA DALY

1716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if HAP will be accessible for renters who rent out modular homes in back gardens; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60118/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given to extend the existing housing adaption grant for people with a disability to householders considering modular homes in their back garden to allow family members with a disability to live independently but close to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60120/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social housing units that have remained unoccupied for more than six months, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60187/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he agrees that the delivery of essential community infrastructure and amenities should be prioritised alongside large-scale housing developments to ensure the creation of sustainable communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60244/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage what engagement his Department has had with the Land Development Agency regarding the provision of schools, primary care services, childcare facilities, community centres, sports facilities and other essential amenities as part of its proposed housing developments in Clongriffin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60246/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1721. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department will examine the current level of community infrastructure and public amenities in Clongriffin and the surrounding area to determine whether it is sufficient to support further large-scale housing development; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60249/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1722. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures in place to ensure that Government Departments, local authorities and State agencies coordinate the delivery of housing with the timely provision of schools, healthcare, childcare, transport and community facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60255/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will request the Land Development Agency to publish a detailed delivery plan for the infrastructure and community amenities that will accompany its proposed housing developments in Clongriffin, including projected delivery timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60257/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken by his Department, local authorities and approved housing bodies to ensure adequate supported housing options are available for young adults with intellectual disabilities in County Kerry as they transition to adult services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60362/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department's upcoming statutory review of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011, following the formal transfer of functions, will explicitly address the systemic issue of managed estates that cannot be "taken in charge" by local authorities due to restrictive conditions embedded in their original planning permissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60437/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

1726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review by his Department and An Coimisiún Toghcháin on a possible reduction in the voting age, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60442/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the legislative scope following the transfer of functions of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 will grant his Department the statutory powers to retroactively reform or override legacy planning loopholes exploited by developers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60443/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

1728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the specific protections that will be introduced under the new oversight framework, following the transfer of functions of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011, to relieve vulnerable homeowners, particularly older age pensioners, from the lifelong financial burden of paying private OMC service fees for basic infrastructure that should fall under the remit of a local council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60452/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

1729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the funding, if any, made available by his department to aid homeowners with the cost of removing asbestos from older properties in advance of any energy efficiency upgrades; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60496/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

1730. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding is available for community groups opposing planning to support seeking legal advice, third-party engineering reports or other expert advice on the plans.

PQ60519/26 | THOMAS GOULD

1731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that external walls (such as walls surrounding gardens and so on) can be impacted by pyrite but are not covered by the pyrite remediation scheme; the support in place for a home owner who has an external wall that is impacted by pyrite and is in danger of collapse but who does not have the means to pay for remediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60579/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

1732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the list of household income thresholds for people to be included on the social housing list; to outline the role of the Department and the individual local authorities in this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60582/26 | SEAN FLEMING

1733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the mandatory retirement age of retained firefighters with a view to increasing it from 62 years to 66 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60654/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1734. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60673/26 | GED NASH

1735. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the national policy and guidance in place governing checks on the continued eligibility of social housing tenants where a tenant or member of their household subsequently acquires an interest in residential property in Ireland or abroad; whether local authorities are required to undertake any such checks following the allocation of social housing; whether there is a national mechanism for identifying changes in property ownership that may affect continued eligibility for social housing support; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60823/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1736. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the national procedures, guidance or verification mechanisms that are available to local authorities to establish whether an applicant for social housing support owns or has access to residential property or alternative accommodation outside the State; and if he will outline the circumstances in which local authorities are expected to seek independent verification of such information.

PQ60827/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1737. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether an applicant for social housing support who declares that they do not own or have access to property or alternative accommodation outside the State is required, as a matter of national policy, to provide independent documentary evidence supporting that declaration; and, if not, whether such declarations are independently verified in any circumstances.

PQ60830/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1738. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether there is a nationally consistent procedure governing the verification of applicants' declarations concerning property ownership and alternative accommodation outside the State, and whether he is satisfied that applicants are subject to an equivalent standard of verification regardless of their country of origin or previous country of residence.

PQ60834/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1739. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department collects data on the number of social housing applications in which information provided by an applicant concerning property ownership or alternative accommodation outside the State has been independently verified; and, if so, the number for each of the years 2021 to date in 2026.

PQ60841/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1740. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the respective responsibilities of his Department and local authorities in verifying information provided by applicants for social housing support concerning property ownership, assets, and access to alternative accommodation outside the State, including where such information relates to another jurisdiction.

PQ60845/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1741. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60925/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1742. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the total number of employees at Uisce Éireann, by each year-end since its establishment, in the years 2013 to 2025 inclusive.

PQ59820/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1743. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61046/26 | MATT CARTHY

1744. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of employees at Uisce Éireann.

PQ59821/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made to date in relation to a campaign in Kerry (details supplied) in relation to the provision of community based homes for their sons and daughters with an intellectual disability.

PQ59766/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage and number of new dwellings completed and first occupied since 1 January 2021 that have been fitted with solar photovoltaic (PV) panels (details supplied); whether his Department collects this information; whether the data is available through Building Energy Rating (BER) assessments or any other source; and whether the Department distinguishes between developer-built dwellings and self-build dwellings in recording compliance with NZEB requirements; if so, the percentage and number of homes in each category fitted with solar PV; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61112/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1747. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding provided for Wicklow County Council for the tenant-in-situ purchase scheme for 2026; the estimated number of homes which will be purchased in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59828/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1748. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the remediation funding provided under the apartment and duplex defects remediation scheme will extend to multi-occupancy, purpose-built residential healthcare or supportive step-down facilities operated by registered AHBs (details supplied); if purpose-built residential accommodations managed by charitable social housing providers meet the criteria of an apartment or duplex under the current legislative framework where they provide long-term or transitional multi-unit housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59851/26 | CHARLES WARD

1749. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider amending the legislation governing the domestic waste water treatment systems grant for high status objective catchment areas to extend eligibility to properties located within priority areas for action identified under the River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022–2027, where such areas are not currently covered due to the existing legislation referring to the 2018–2021 plan; if he will examine whether the eligibility criteria can be updated to reflect the current River Basin Management Plan and its environmental objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61142/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1750. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans in place to cover the costs incurred by homeowners effected by the defective block crisis, where the length of time for remediation of their home is longer than is covered by the €16,500 accommodation allowance cap; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60072/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

1751. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a report (details supplied); the measures being taken to address the issues raised; the engagement he has had with the 'before we die' campaign; if he is satisfied he is responding adequately to their demands; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59885/26 | PA DALY

1752. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the income limit thresholds to qualify for housing assistance; the last time such were increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61160/26 | CATHY BENNETT

1753. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider exempting childcare facilities from rates in the Budget process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61196/26 | COLM BURKE

1754. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the vacant above the shop grant to include registered mortgaged company owned premises for eligibility criteria for the grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61150/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

1755. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assessment his Department has made of the potential housing demand arising from Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection who will cease to have access to existing accommodation arrangements from 2027; the number his Department estimates may seek private rented, local authority or other State-supported accommodation; whether this potential additional demand has been incorporated into housing and homelessness planning for 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61201/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1756. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing a mandatory licensing system for domestic building contractors, including verification of identity, beneficial ownership, insurance, qualifications and previous trading names, in order to protect homeowners from fraud and repeat offenders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61221/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1757. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the full commencement of the Regulation of Providers of Building Works Act 2022; whether he intends to make registration mandatory for all contractors undertaking domestic building work; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61222/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1758. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine the introduction of statutory controls on deposits and advance payments for domestic building work, including mandatory insurance-backed guarantees; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61224/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1759. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the redress scheme for the owners of apartments in Beacon South Quarter will commence (details supplied).

PQ61238/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

1760. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average length of time it took for a request to Tailte Éireann to be fully processed in each of the past five years; and the longest processing time in each of the past five years.

PQ61253/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1761. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the updated wind energy guidelines will be published; the reasons for the delay in publishing such guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59967/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

1762. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1688 of 28 July 2026, to confirm whether Local Authorities have responsibility for enforcing the relevant laws in relation to election posters; and to confirm if a different body has responsibility.

PQ59992/26 | PAUL MURPHY

1763. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount spent by the Land Development Agency on external public relations, communications, public affairs, media relations and reputation management services since its establishment in 2018; the names of all companies engaged; the value of each contract; the procurement process used; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60019/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

1764. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on onshore wind guidelines; the reasons for the delay; and to provide a timeline for delivery.

PQ60045/26 | PA DALY

1765. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61296/26 | EMER CURRIE

1766. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an ECCE-only childcare facility is liable for commercial rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60076/26 | TIMMY DOOLEY

1767. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the review of eligibility criteria and the identification of priority areas for grant aid schemes administered by local authorities to upgrade, repair or replace domestic wastewater treatment systems/septic tank systems; the timeframe for these changes to come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61087/26 | COLM BURKE

1768. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the length of time the current review of the defective block grant scheme is expected to take; if grants that have already been assessed and offered will be honoured under the existing scheme; and the timeframe for when processed grants will be paid out.

PQ60957/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

1769. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the proposed code of practice to set a standard approach for allowing tenants in council and AHB homes to keep pets; when the code of practice will be finalised and in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60985/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1770. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the proposed code of practice to set a standard approach for allowing tenants in council and AHB homes to keep pets; when the code of practice will be finalised and in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60985/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1771. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61353/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1772. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61336/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1773. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views that households in architectural conservation areas installed solar panels on the front of their home (details supplied); his views on regulations for exemptions, waivers, remissions or refunds for such persons to attain retention permissions for solar panels already installed; his plans to exempt those in ACA areas; if section 583 of the Planning Act can be

used to provide no retention fee or a reduced retention fee, where cases of minor development was under reasonable reliance upon an apparent statutory planning exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61370/26 | IVANA BACIK

1774. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the code of practice for an approved housing body will be completed; if he will confirm that social tenants of AHBs and local authorities can keep pets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61368/26 | IVANA BACIK

1775. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to report on progress to meet his commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60745/26 | PA DALY

1776. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to expedite the provision of a wastewater treatment plant in (details supplied) Killarney, County Kerry given the health and safety issues in local estates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60710/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1777. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request Uisce Eireann to examine the possibility of introducing a scheme whereby constructed wetlands will be provided in all unsewered villages in County Kerry as this is a much more effective and cost efficient way of doing business; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60711/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1778. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to identify a statutory provision, scheme condition, departmental circular or published guidance requiring a dwelling to be habitable before payment of an approved croí cónaithe vacant property refurbishment grant; whether local authorities are entitled to impose such a requirement in the absence of an express provision in the national scheme or an applicant's letter of approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60448/26 | GARY GANNON

1779. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department's interpretation of the croí cónaithe vacant property refurbishment grant scheme is that grant payment should issue once the approved grant works have been completed, inspected and vouched in accordance with the scheme conditions, irrespective of whether additional non-grant-funded works remain outstanding before the dwelling is capable of occupation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60444/26 | GARY GANNON

1780. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to identify the statutory provision, scheme rule, circular or published guidance which requires a dwelling to be habitable before payment of an approved vacant property refurbishment grant can be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60439/26 | GARY GANNON

1781. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or his Department will conduct an assessment on the future requirement for specialist wildfire aviation training, equipment or aircraft capability.

PQ60433/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1782. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of wildfire incidents in each year from 2020 to date for which aerial firefighting support was requested.

PQ60427/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1783. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a cross-Departmental assessment will be commissioned for a permanent, seasonal, shared or on-demand aerial wildfire response capability, including rotary-wing and fixed-wing options.

PQ60421/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1784. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management has completed, commissioned or participated in a review, exercise, feasibility study or capability-gap assessment since 2020 concerning Ireland's response to major wildfires, including rotary-wing or fixed-wing firefighting aircraft.

PQ60407/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1785. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to examine the case of a person (details supplied); to outline the social housing supports that are available to individuals who were forced to leave their homes due to domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61409/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

1786. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to current grant aid available for pipe laying under a group water scheme of €15,000 per home, when this grant cap was last reviewed; whether this grant is the same irrespective of terrain over which the pipe has to be laid; whether he accepts that laying a pipe in granite rock terrain is more expensive than in areas of clay soils without rock outcrop; whether a higher grant might be consider in such areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60240/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1787. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can assure the community on Arranmore island in County Donegal that retained firefighters will continue to be employed on the island; if he is aware of the community's concerns that the island may be serviced only by volunteer firefighters in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60233/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

1788. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Departments support for the continuation of the rates subvention paid to Offaly County Council on foot of the closure of the Shannonbridge power station beyond 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61167/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1789. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that BCAR certification vis the BCMS will be required to avail of the new back garden homes exempted development category; and that only modular system providers with an NSAI agreement certificate will be deemed in compliance with building regulations.

PQ60263/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1790. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties brought back into use under the vacant property refurbishment grant, by county; the total expenditure incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60371/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1791. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households currently on social housing waiting lists in each local authority area; the corresponding figures for each of the previous five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60369/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1792. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 1686 and 1814 of 28 July 2026, his views on the need to implement section 5 of the Dublin Bay Bill 2021; specifically, his plans to ensure spatial, economic and social development of the bay and renewal and development of land along the bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60368/26 | IVANA BACIK

1793. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the data for each year for which data is available on the level of units directly built by the State or 'LA/AHB build' as contained in the Mid-Year Expenditure Report in Figure.B.2.6, in tabular form (details supplied).

PQ60350/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

1794. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people with an intellectual disability currently on the housing waiting list of each of the local authorities (details supplied); the breakdown of the number by length of time spent on the waiting list, less than one year, one to three years, three to five years, five to ten years, and greater than ten years, by local authority, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61467/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

1795. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider allowing Part V properties to ever be eligible for the tenant purchase scheme; and if he would make a statement on the matter.

PQ60447/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1796. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether, under the croí cónaithe vacant property refurbishment grant scheme, a local authority may refuse drawdown of an approved grant solely because a property is not yet habitable, where the applicant has completed all works approved under the grant, complied with the conditions of the letter of approval, and satisfied all other published scheme requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60434/26 | GARY GANNON

1797. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a detailed breakdown of the funding allocated to Cavan in the housing infrastructure investment fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61491/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1798. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding Mayo County Council received for capital assistance scheme funding in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61490/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1799. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a detailed breakdown of the funding allocated to Sligo in the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61489/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1800. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he and his Department have recently examined the national wildfire preparedness and response, including the assessment, activation and coordination of aerial firefighting resources.

PQ60403/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

1801. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority (details supplied) can refuse a tenant (incremental) purchase scheme application on the basis that retrofit works have been carried out on the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60395/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

1802. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing developments delayed due to wastewater or water supply capacity constraints; the locations affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60383/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1803. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties brought back into use under the vacant property refurbishment grant, by county; the total expenditure incurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60377/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1804. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the strategies his Department has in place to protect the social and economic hubs that main streets represent in towns.

PQ61371/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1805. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has received any reports concerning the condition of Dundrum Manor House, a protected structure located within the Dundrum House complex; whether any engagement has taken place with Tipperary County Council concerning the protection and preservation of the structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61682/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1806. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Office of the Planning Regulator has been requested to examine Tipperary County Council's handling of planning enforcement matters arising from the determination of An Coimisiún Pleanála in a case (details supplied); if any engagement has taken place between his Department, the Office of the Planning Regulator and Tipperary County Council regarding this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61646/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

1807. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the omission of an apartment complex from the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes (details supplied); the actions he will take to ensure fairness is applied in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61650/26 | BARRY WARD

1808. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 692 of 12 May 2026, the details of the way in which a person who has a recommendation for adaptation which they cannot finance and which is required for their safety, health and dignity should proceed; the funding available to bridge the gap where the grants do not cover the amount and the person does not have the means to cover this; the supports in place where this shortfall cannot be met and the adaptation is required for the dignity, health and safety of the person; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61739/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

1809. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 374 of 16 July 2026, the reasons the development of onshore wind guidelines is "TBD (to be determined)"; if there is an estimated or projected timeline for delivery in sight; the plans to deliver them in the second half of 2026 or if the delay will continue into 2027; and if he will make a statement in the matter.

PQ60036/26 | PA DALY

1810. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his position on the accountability of Waterways Ireland to this State; and the way in which management of this public body may change under this Government.

PQ59970/26 | EOIN HAYES

1811. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the streams of funding currently available to approved housing bodies for the acquisition, construction and delivery of housing for social housing purposes; the amount of funding allocated under each such funding stream in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61740/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

1812. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update and timeframe for publication of the updated wind energy guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61766/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1813. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on his Department's work to extend the first home scheme to second-hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61804/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1814. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost in 2027 if the budget for the Office of Planning Regulator increased by 10%.

PQ61611/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

1815. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61572/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1816. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 497 24 June 2025, if given the recent spell of good weather, water levels have reduced enough to facilitate the works; if these works have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60556/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1817. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected delivery schedule for the Maynooth Eastern relief road and bridge; the current stage of the project; whether his Department has assessed its importance for regional traffic flow and access to the university; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60096/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1818. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department can identify the number of multi-storey car parks currently in use in the State that were constructed before 1990 and before 2000 respectively; whether any programme exists to review the structural condition and continued suitability of older multi-storey car parks having regard to their age, deterioration and changes in vehicle loading since their construction; whether consideration has been given to establishing such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61917/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1819. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a structural assessment is required before electric vehicle charging infrastructure is installed in an existing multi-storey car park; whether consideration must be given to the potential concentration of heavier vehicles in designated EV charging areas and the resulting localised loading on existing structures; whether guidance has been issued in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61915/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1820. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the statutory requirements for the periodic structural inspection or reassessment of existing multi-storey car parks; whether such inspections or assessments are required to consider changes in vehicle weights and loading patterns since the structure was originally designed and constructed; whether his Department has issued guidance to local authorities, building owners or operators in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61914/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1821. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken, commissioned or received any assessment of the structural capacity of existing multi-storey car parks in the State in the context of increases in the average weight of passenger vehicles, including electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles and larger SUVs; whether consideration has been given to the impact of changing vehicle weights on car parks constructed under older building standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61913/26 | SORCA CLARKE

1822. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his Department's engagement on the recent draft rural and Gaeltacht planning guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61990/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

1823. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department, in consultation with the Residential Tenancies Board, has conducted a policy review regarding the impact of the 11 June 2022 cut-off date on security of tenure for families in long-term rented accommodation; and the planned reforms to close this gap before affected tenancies expire.

PQ61878/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

1824. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether consideration has been given to removing the end-of-cycle no-fault termination right for pre-11 June 2022 tenancies where the landlord is a corporate body, institutional investment fund, or owner of four or more residential tenancies; if he acknowledges the policy distinction between smaller private landlords and institutional build-to-rent providers in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61877/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

1825. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider legislative provisions allowing compliant tenants operating under transitional Part 4 cycles to automatically convert to tenancies of unlimited duration without triggering an end-of-cycle termination right for landlords; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61876/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

1826. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department intends to introduce legislative measures to protect tenants whose tenancies commenced prior to 11 June 2022 from end-of-Part-4 no-fault terminations upon the expiry of their remaining six-year cycles; if his attention has been drawn to the discrepancy where post-June 2022 tenancies benefit from unlimited duration while long-standing, fully compliant pre-June 2022 tenants remain exposed to no-fault eviction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61874/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

1827. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is an appeals mechanism built into the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes for any complex that was rejected from entering the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62063/26 | BARRY WARD

1828. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the number of apartment complexes that were originally accepted onto the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes but were subsequently rejected for any reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62062/26 | BARRY WARD

1829. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62061/26 | BARRY WARD

1830. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in light of the increase in fire deaths in recent years the proposals in place to support local authorities in promoting fire safety for households including the maintenance and regular testing of alarms and addressing risks from lithium-ion batteries in e-bikes and e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62045/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

1831. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review correspondence (details supplied); whether the rent policy applied is consistent with current departmental policy; the recourse that is available to tenants of approved housing bodies who believe they are not benefitting from the same allowances as local authority tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62032/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1832. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht an bhfuil sé den tuairim gur chóir ailíniú a bheith ann idir na coinníollacha teanga d'fhorbairtí tithíochta atá leagtha síos sna Pleananna Forbartha Contae agus sa dréacht-Ráiteas Náisiúnta Pleanála; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ62031/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1833. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any flexibility built into the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes for any complex that was rejected from entering the scheme but meets nearly all qualifying criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62064/26 | BARRY WARD

1834. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an apartment complex has been approved for or has had work carried out under the apartment and duplex defects remediation scheme for fire safety, structural safety or water ingress (details supplied).

PQ62109/26 | MÁIRE DEVINE

1835. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether legal advice has been obtained regarding the eligibility of apartments arising from office-to-residential conversions under the interim remediation scheme and forthcoming legislation; and if he will outline the conclusions reached.

PQ62097/26 | JOE COONEY

1836. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Department has considered the fact that apartments created through the redevelopment of former office buildings were treated as new dwellings for purposes such as VAT, property registration and local property tax exemptions when determining eligibility under remediation schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ62096/26 | JOE COONEY

1837. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has assessed the potential impact on Government policies relating to regeneration, urban renewal and the repurposing of existing building stock of excluding apartments created through the conversion of former commercial buildings from remediation supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62095/26 | JOE COONEY

1838. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the basis on which apartments constructed through the redevelopment of an existing building are treated differently, if at all, from apartments constructed on a greenfield site for the purposes of remediation supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62094/26 | JOE COONEY

1839. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether apartments that were newly constructed as part of the redevelopment of a former office building are excluded from the interim remediation scheme solely on the basis of the building's previous use; the legislative or policy basis for any such exclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ62093/26 | JOE COONEY

1840. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of public buildings that are not wheelchair accessible; if he plans to ensure these buildings become wheelchair accessible over a period of time; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62135/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

1841. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing measures to give local authorities greater powers to influence the type and concentration of businesses operating on town and city centre main streets, if he will examine recent measures proposed in the United Kingdom to give local communities greater control over the proliferation of businesses such as vape shops, betting shops and other retail uses that may undermine the diversity and vitality of town and city streets; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62143/26 | EMER CURRIE

1842. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will assess the risk of a UK style spray foam scandal emerging in Ireland due to the lack of installer regulation, including the potential impact on insurance availability, mortgage approval, and property values; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62161/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1843. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing a mandatory NSAI certified contractors register for spray foam insulation installation in order to address the current absence of installer competency checks, product verification, and building control oversight; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62158/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1844. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline all funding allocated by his Department for projects, programmes and initiatives in the Cavan and Monaghan constituency from 1 January 2025 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62184/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

1845. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of appeals with the appeals board at present in relation to defective concrete blocks; the number of appeals which have been decided to date; the average length of time each appeal is taking; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62178/26 | NIALL COLLINS

1846. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the measures his Department is considering to succeed the cessation of turf cutting compensation schemes as the payment period concludes for many applicants; if a replacement support is being considered; if so, the details of such support or supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62224/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1847. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with the ESB in relation to the 2023 plans announced by the then Minister of State with special responsibility for Heritage to develop a museum (details supplied); and to provide an update on the progress of plans for both buildings.

PQ62214/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

1848. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the age profile of qualified applicants on the social housing waiting list, broken down by age band and by local authority, for each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62278/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1849. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the forthcoming action plan on housing for older people will address the position of older private renters who have no pathway to home ownership and who will require social housing support on reaching retirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62280/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1850. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing assistance payment tenancies held by persons aged 60 and over, and by persons aged 66 and over, for each of the years 2020 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62279/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1851. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which the Housing Agency review of the older persons housing financial contribution scheme commenced; the date on which that review is expected to conclude; the expected publication date of the action plan on housing for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62262/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1852. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has assessed the potential for a national voluntary rightsizing programme for older owner-occupiers to increase the availability of existing three-bedroom and four-bedroom family homes; whether a national or pilot scheme will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62287/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1853. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any proposal to introduce or expand a national rightsizing scheme for older private homeowners has been deferred, discontinued or is no longer under consideration; if so, the reasons for this decision; the alternative measures being progressed to support older homeowners who wish to rightsize within their own communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62286/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1854. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of existing local authority financial contribution schemes to support voluntary rightsizing; the actions taken following the April 2026 change to the Central Bank mortgage lending rules to facilitate bridging finance for persons trading down; if data is available on the availability and take-up of such finance since that change; the further measures planned to address financial barriers to rightsizing and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62285/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1855. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to increase the supply of appropriately located one and two-bedroom homes for older owner-occupiers who wish to rightsize within their existing communities; if local authorities are required to assess and plan for such demand; whether specific delivery targets will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62284/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1856. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has assessed the current and projected demand among older owner-occupiers for smaller age-appropriate homes within their existing communities; if this demand is measured at local authority level; if not, if such an assessment will be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62283/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1857. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions being taken to deliver on the commitment in Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025-2030 to increase housing choice for older owner-occupiers who wish to voluntarily rightsize while remaining in their existing communities; the measures to be introduced; the timeline for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62282/26 | GRACE BOLAND

1858. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the modular accommodation at Clonminch, Tullamore, is formally categorised as rapid build accommodation for the purposes of housing and local authority assessment processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62296/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1859. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person residing in modular accommodation at Clonminch under the temporary protection system may apply for a local authority home loan through Offaly County Council; the eligibility criteria that apply; if temporary protection status affects access to this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62297/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1860. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a Ukrainian beneficiary of temporary protection who is employed full time may apply for the affordable purchase scheme through Offaly County Council; if temporary protection status affects eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62298/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1861. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent of the total application arrears and processing backlogs currently under management by Tailte Éireann; the exact volume of applications currently classified as pending or stuck in arrears from 2024, 2025

and to date in 2026; the specific measures being deployed to address the systemic "all-or-nothing" validation rejections and the friction caused by segmented inter-departmental reviews, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62388/26 | CHARLES WARD

1862. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current legislative timeline for the publication and initiation of the apartment and duplex defects remediation Bill.

PQ62407/26 | CHARLES WARD

1863. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will preclude AHB's from increasing tenant's rents based solely on increases to pensions.

PQ62485/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

1864. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of enforcement prosecution cases taken by National Parks and Wildlife Service every year since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62541/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1865. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify all the enforcement mechanisms and options for authorities to pursue and prosecute individuals for starting wildfires, particularly in cases where these individuals are not land-owners; how these investigations triggered, by who and who are responsible for managing the investigation; how many of these resulted in fines or prosecution in the last 10 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62540/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1866. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the enactment or progress on adopting the recommendations of the Storm Éowyn Review Steering Group report; the review on the adoption of Community Hub concept into Community Support Centres due in Q2 this year; the purchase and distribution of 80 new mobile generators; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62537/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1867. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the review of local electoral areas by the electoral commission; if he will guarantee the arising recommendations will be enacted prior to the 2029 local elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62519/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1868. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify how often local authority severe weather and flood plans are reviewed and updated; when the last substantive review and update of each respective local authorities plans took place; if this information is not collated by the Department, the reason for such; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62534/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1869. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the number of staff and their grade, assigned to the National Directorate for Fire & Emergency Management in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62533/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1870. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the current number of retained firefighters serving across each local authority area, in tabular form; the number of vacant positions in each area; the numbers in 2022 prior to the September 2023 Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) agreement; if this information is not collated by his Department, the reason for such; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62532/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1871. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht an bhfuil imní air maidir leis na moltaí a foilsíodh le déanaí maidir le tithe in eastáit tithíochta i gceantair Ghaeltachta; an nglacann sé leis go dtiocfaidh laghdú ar líon na dtithe atá curtha in áirithe do chainteoirí Gaeilge mar thoradh air sin i limistéar pleanála áirithe agus an aontaíonn sé gur chóir go mbeadh céatadán na gcainteoirí lasmuigh den chóras oideachais móide 10%, mar atá molta, mar íosmhéid ceadaithe; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ62035/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1872. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on when the proposed Waterways Ireland Canal bye-laws will be approved and finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62624/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

1873. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on plans to establish a unit in the Housing Agency to regulate owners' management companies.

PQ62594/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1874. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the policy which previously applied where a person presenting as homeless in Dublin had most recently been ordinarily resident in another local authority area, including any arrangements whereby the person could be referred to that local authority for homeless services; when and why this approach changed; the extent to which a person's previous residence, family connections and existing support networks are currently considered when determining the appropriate local authority or location through which homeless services are provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ62577/26 | GARY GANNON

1875. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether his Department has issued any policy, guidance, criteria or targets aimed at preventing the disproportionate concentration of emergency homeless accommodation within particular communities; whether geographic concentration is considered when approving or funding additional emergency accommodation; whether he will consider requiring the publication of regular area-level data on the distribution of emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62575/26 | GARY GANNON

1876. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of emergency homeless accommodation facilities and bed spaces, according to information available to his Department, currently operating in Dublin 1 and, separately, the north inner city; the proportion of Dublin's emergency accommodation represented by these areas; whether his Department monitors, or requires the DHRE to monitor the geographic concentration of emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62574/26 | GARY GANNON

1877. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether Dublin City Council and/or the Dublin Region Homeless Executive has informed his Department of a policy that no additional emergency homeless accommodation will be contracted or opened in Dublin 1 or the north inner city; when this policy was agreed the basis for the decision; if it applies to all categories of emergency homeless accommodation; if his Department supports an approach which seeks to prevent the further concentration of emergency accommodation in areas already providing a disproportionately high level of such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62571/26 | GARY GANNON

1878. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a breakdown of the number of fire fighters, noting whether they are full-time and retained, in each local authority area for each year of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62561/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1879. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the movement of responsibility of the MUDS Act to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

PQ62557/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

1880. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the money spent, and number of second hand properties bought, by local authorities and approved housing bodies, between 2019 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62513/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1881. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the money drawn down by local authorities and approved housing bodies from the 2026 Social Housing Second Hand Acquisitions Programme so date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62512/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1882. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the review of micro-company eligibility for the vacant above the shop grant.

PQ62686/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1883. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if mortgaged company-owned properties are being considered as part of the review of micro-company eligibility for the vacant above the shop grant given the practical difficulties involved in transferring such properties into personal ownership.

PQ62689/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1884. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any interim or conditional mechanism available for otherwise qualifying micro-company projects while that review of micro-company eligibility for the vacant above the shop grant is ongoing.

PQ62690/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1885. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the defective concrete blocks grant scheme will commence; and when it will conclude.

PQ62711/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

1886. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with local authorities with a view to pausing projects that involve public funding for e-scooter infrastructure, given the shift in national policy on e-scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59921/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

1887. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's definition of "Emergency" for PEA and TEA

PQ62763/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1888. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a regional breakdown of the €563.5 million allocated in Budget 2026 for homelessness; and the amount of the €50 million capital funding drawn down by local authorities and AHBs as of August 2026, in tabular form.

PQ62772/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1889. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average length of stay in emergency accommodation in Dublin, the mid-west and the national average for 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ62761/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1890. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average length of stay in temporary accommodation in Dublin, the mid-west and the national average for 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ62762/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1891. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his response to the 14 recommendations outlined in the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage Report on Homelessness published in June 2026; and the specific recommendations his Department has accepted or intends to implement ahead of Budget 2027.

PQ62758/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1892. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total Exchequer funding drawn down by each individual local authority for homeless services in 2025 and to date in 2026; the specific breakdown of these funds spent on emergency accommodation versus preventative measures; and the total portion of this funding paid directly to private providers and commercial hotel operators.

PQ62757/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1893. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the inability of Ukrainian citizens living in Ireland being unable to apply for housing supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62794/26 | BARRY WARD

1894. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's definition of "temporary" for PEA and TEA.

PQ62764/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1895. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the publication status of the Child and Family Homelessness Action Plan, which was scheduled for finalisation by the end of Q2 2026; the targeted funding or financial mechanisms inside this plan dedicated to reducing the length of time families spend in emergency accommodation.

PQ62760/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1896. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the guidelines for local authorities to acquire properties outside of the tenant-in-situ scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61139/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

1897. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to assist with a complaint submitted to the Property Services Regulatory Authority (details supplied).

PQ61797/26 | MÁIRE DEVINE

1898. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration is being given to a national policy applying a moratorium on rates for EV charging stations, given the need for this infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62851/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

1899. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when will details of the defective block grant scheme be provided to Wexford County Council so as applications can be made by those affected in County Wexford.

PQ62889/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1900. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether any of our National Parks charge for visitor parking, if not whether there are plans to charge and to allow reinvestment of such monies generated into environmental works within the parks or within natura or protected areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62916/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1901. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on whether there are electric car charging points at all our national parks; the parks that have fast charging points; whether these chargers are available to the public; if not, whether he has plans to make them available; and if he will make a statement on the matter,

PQ62914/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1902. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if, further to the new planning exemption regulations for residential dwellings for new properties, he plans to introduce such a system to be put in place for existing properties built before the new regulations commenced so they can regularise planning for these buildings.

PQ62973/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1903. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the scope of the works to be covered under the housing aid for older people grant scheme (details supplied).

PQ62968/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1904. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62955/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1905. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is aware of the difficulties faced by housing assistance payment (HAP) recipients in securing rental accommodation due to the gap between HAP limits and prevailing market rents; if he will review and increase HAP rates to reflect current rental costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63014/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

1906. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will assist a person (details supplied) who has land covered in rhododendron.

PQ63096/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

1907. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason an inherited transfer can preserve relevant-owner status under section 24 of the enhanced defective concrete block scheme while an inter vivos transfer to a child cannot; whether his Department has considered allowing a qualifying relevant owner to transfer their interest to a child without extinguishing the property's eligibility under the scheme; whether section 24 provides any discretion to recognise your child as the new relevant owner; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63089/26 | CHARLES WARD

1908. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the safeguards in place to ensure that tall residential buildings are designed and maintained to appropriate fire-safety standards; the measures in place to ensure that fire and rescue services can safely and effectively access such buildings and reach upper floors in the event of a fire, including access for firefighting appliances and equipment; whether consideration has been given to the particular challenges posed by increasing residential building heights; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63088/26 | EMER CURRIE

1909. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62983/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

1910. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a detailed update on the local catchment assessments of the 517 priority action areas outlined in the Water Action Plan 2024; the number that have been carried out; when they were assessed; the results and arising actions; the number that were referred to the agricultural sustainability support and advisory programme; the future timelines for further assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62516/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1911. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has been given to extending, retrospectively applying or introducing a successor to the temporary development contribution waiver scheme for owner-occupiers and other residential developments (details supplied); if his Department assessed the number of residential developments that fell outside the waiver due to commencing in early 2025; whether consideration has been given to providing local authorities with discretion to waive or refund development contributions in such circumstances, particularly for individual one-off homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63175/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1912. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on a person's application under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63178/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1913. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties acquired by The Housing Agency under the cost rental tenant in situ scheme, in the last four years, broken down by county; and the number of these acquired properties that have been transferred over to each local authority in these years, in tabular form.

PQ63309/26 | MARK WALL

1914. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63354/26 | GED NASH

1915. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the provisions exist under the Regulation of Providers of Building Works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 to prevent an individual whose company has been dissolved, or who has been the subject of complaints or sanctions, from re-registering under a newly formed company in order to avoid debts, complaints or disciplinary responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63422/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1916. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which mandatory registration under the Construction Industry Register Ireland will commence; the number of building providers registered to date; the enforcement resources and inspection powers assigned to ensure compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63421/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1917. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify whether the mandatory registration requirements of the Construction Industry Register Ireland apply to smaller domestic building works, including extensions, roofing works and attic conversions, that may fall below the thresholds that trigger the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63420/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1918. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any consumer financial protection mechanism, such as a bond, guarantee fund or dedicated insurance scheme, exists or is planned under the regulation of providers of building works and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 or otherwise, to enable a homeowner to recover losses where a registered contractor takes a deposit and fails to complete the work, carries out seriously defective work, or becomes insolvent; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63419/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1919. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant WTE staff by job title currently within National Parks and Wildlife Services; the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63400/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

1920. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of emergency calls outs attended by Kildare Fire Services, by station, in the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63399/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

1921. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the Government will consider introducing stronger penalties for the hoarding of development land; the progress made on long-planned measures to tackle land speculation and incentivise the timely development of land suitable for housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63378/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

1922. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff, whole-time equivalents in each local authority in June 2016 and June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63440/26 | GED NASH

1923. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63456/26 | GED NASH

1924. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63481/26 | JOE NEVILLE

1925. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1015 of 18 March 2026 and No. 1763 14 April 2026, (details supplied) whether a document titled or effectively functioning as national guidance on grid scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) exists; if so, the title, publication or draft date; whether it has been issued to fire authorities, planning authorities or devel

PQ63519/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1926. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 1736 of 14 April 2026, stating that SOG 5.01a and accompanying training material were due to be issued to Chief Fire Officers before the end of Q2 2026, whether that deadline was met; if not, the reasons for the delay; whether any Chief Fire Officer has received SOG 5.01a or its training material to date; and the revised date by which SOG 5.01a and its training material will be issued to all Chief Fire Officers.

PQ63520/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

1927. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to review or update national planning guidance to ensure that multi site renewable energy proposals cannot be artificially separated into individual applications in a manner that risks undermining full cumulative assessment or facilitating project splitting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63561/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1928. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether, under Irish planning law and the EIA Directive, wind energy developments that share enabling infrastructure such as substations, loop in grid connections or coordinated peatland access routes must be treated as a single project for the purposes of environmental impact assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63559/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1929. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has issued guidance to planning authorities or An Coimisiún Pleanála regarding the need for cumulative environmental assessment where multiple wind farm proposals form part of a coordinated peatland renewable energy strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63558/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1930. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department has taken to ensure that planning authorities and An Coimisiún Pleanála fully comply with the requirements of the EIA Directive and relevant CJEU case law in relation to the assessment of functionally interdependent renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63557/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1931. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that current national guidance on environmental impact assessment adequately addresses the issue of project splitting, particularly in circumstances where multiple wind energy developments are being advanced by the same developers, in close proximity, and reliant on shared grid or peatland infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63556/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1932. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether an apartment block (details supplied) would qualify for any Government supports in the context of significant renovation costs and fire risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63567/26 | BARRY WARD

1933. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the case of an apartment complex that requires intervention regarding the wrapping previously installed on the building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63566/26 | BARRY WARD

1934. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether an apartment block (details supplied) would be covered by the apartment and duplex defects remediation scheme in the context of significant renovation costs and fire risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63568/26 | BARRY WARD

1935. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding has been requested or can be considered to be made available to Wicklow County Council (details supplied) to allow them to reopen a scheme to new applicants and process all those to hand.

PQ63632/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1936. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to increase the allowable positive-equity limit for a property in County Wexford under the current mortgage to rent eligibility criteria due to the large increase in housing prices that is preventing many from remaining in their homes.

PQ63639/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1937. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce changes for those looking to apply for social housing (details supplied) who have been unable to secure housing from their own resources.

PQ63624/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1938. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage who is enforcing the 2025 inflatable safety regulations as set out in the Planning and Development (Funfairs and Fairground Equipment) Regulations 2025 in County Donegal; the number of inspections that have been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63614/26 | CHARLES WARD

1939. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown, by local authority of the number of people who have been housed through the Housing First Programme for each year from 2020-2026 inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63612/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1940. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if housing schemes are available or planned to allow persons (details supplied) to access housing supports to remain in their home.

PQ63652/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1941. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received the Housing Agency's review of the HAP limits and to confirm that he will engage with the Oireachtas Committee Housing before making a final decision on how to proceed with this matter.

PQ63664/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1942. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of people in County Cork were housed through the Housing First Programme in each of the years from 2020-2026 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63610/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

1943. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of staffing sanction requests submitted to his Department by each of the 31 local authorities for new or additional posts across all functional areas for the years 2024, 2025, and to date in 2026; the specific number of these requests that were approved, rejected, or are currently awaiting decision by his Department; the specific number of sanctions requested and granted for general outdoor maintenance and parks staff during this same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63581/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

1944. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to increase the supply of homes at price points affordable to single first-time buyers, particularly in Cork; whether specific consideration is being given to the housing needs of people who earn above the thresholds for certain State supports but remain unable to purchase on the private market; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63592/26 | COLM BURKE

1945. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the ongoing industrial relations issues impacting the work of Tailte Éireann.

PQ63721/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1946. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department's review of the defective concrete block grant scheme will take place.

PQ63719/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1947. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the mechanisms in place to deal with anti-social behaviour in local authority housing, and AHB accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63717/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

1948. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on his Departments review of the social housing income eligibility thresholds.

PQ63737/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

1949. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for when updated wind farm guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63732/26 | NIALL COLLINS

1950. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to ensure that single income earners can access homes delivered through affordable purchase schemes; whether his Department has examined the affordability gap facing single applicants in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63591/26 | COLM BURKE

1951. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has examined the accessibility and uptake of the first home scheme among single income first-time buyers; whether consideration is being given to changes which could further assist single applicants facing affordability constraints; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63590/26 | COLM BURKE

1952. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the €38,000 maximum Departmental funding available per property under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme in view of construction and retrofit costs; the number of Monaghan County Council

properties for which expenditure has exceeded this threshold in 2025 and 2026; the additional cost consequently borne by the council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63775/26 | MATT CARTHY

1953. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the maximum €11,000 per-property recoupment available to Monaghan County Council under the 2026 Void Housing Programme in circumstances where the council's average expenditure on reletting a vacant property in 2025 was approximately €21,390; whether the actual cost incurred by local authorities will be reflected in future allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63773/26 | MATT CARTHY

1954. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of all outstanding recoupment claims submitted by Monaghan County Council under the social housing void/reletting programme in 2026; the value of claims received, approved, paid and outstanding; when outstanding claims will be determined; and if he will ensure that the Council is adequately funded for the approximately €871,000 in reletting expenditure projected for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63771/26 | MATT CARTHY

1955. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Monaghan County Council received a 2026 void/reletting works allocation based on just 26 properties; the timeframe the local authority expects to complete reletting works on approximately 70 vacant social homes during the year; whether additional funding will be provided in respect of those properties; the amount of additional funding sought by the Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63770/26 | MATT CARTHY

1956. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be made available to Monaghan County Council under the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme in 2026 in circumstances where the Council expects to exceed its allocation of 165 properties; whether funding will be provided for all properties completed above the original allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63774/26 | MATT CARTHY

1957. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is proposed to review electoral boundaries and seat allocations prior to the next Local Government elections in 2029; the projected timeframe for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63769/26 | MATT CARTHY

1958. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider establishing a ring-fenced homelessness prevention fund, aligned with the Homelessness Prevention Framework and the Child and Family Homelessness Action Plan, amounting to 20% of all homelessness expenditure; and the current level of expenditure on homelessness prevention measures.

PQ63916/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

1959. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to urgently increase the income limits for social housing in Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63881/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1960. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person or body responsible for the implementation of Irish language signs on housing estates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63680/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

1961. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding supports available to homeowners within an apartment complex (details supplied) in the case whereby their removal from the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes continues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63679/26 | BARRY WARD

1962. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding other apartment or housing developments that were accepted into the interim remediation scheme for fire safety defects in apartments and duplexes but were subsequently removed in similar circumstance to a complex (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63678/26 | BARRY WARD

1963. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address the structural trap facing middle-income households who earn above the social housing income limits but cannot bridge the deposit gap for new-build homes or access the first home scheme due to rapid market inflation; the measures his Department is taking to provide dedicated housing security and purchase pathways for long-term private renters in this specific bracket who are at risk of displacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63579/26 | FIONTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

1964. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has conducted an assessment or will formulate a targeted housing strategy to support older separated or divorced couples who are trapped cohabiting because the divided equity from their family home is entirely insufficient to buy two separate properties in the current market; if his Department is considering financial or grant-aided models to prevent this cohort from being forced out of their communities or into the rental sector

PQ64059/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1965. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties entered on Derelict Sites Registers nationally at year end in each year from 2021 to 2026, broken down by local authority; the number in respect of which compulsory purchase procedures were initiated; the number ultimately acquired by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64120/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1966. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total value of the derelict sites levies invoiced by local authorities in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the amount collected in each period; the amount outstanding, by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64121/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

1967. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the older persons housing financial contribution scheme given reports that the initiative has been paused or shelved pending a national policy review; and the timeline for the completion of the national policy review.

PQ64067/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

1968. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to clarify the status and entitlements of beneficiaries of temporary protection who are required to leave State-supported accommodation, including whether such persons may access social housing supports, housing assistance payment, rent supplement or other housing or rental supports, subject to the relevant eligibility criteria; the guidance that has been provided to local authorities and other State agencies in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60896/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

1969. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine mechanisms to ensure that information from Garda investigations, court judgments and regulatory bodies can be used to identify repeat offenders in the construction sector and prevent them from reestablishing under new business identities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61226/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

1970. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide the number of prosecutions and fines under Section 40 of the Wildlife Act 1976 which makes it illegal to burn vegetation on uncultivated land between March 1 and August 3, each year for the last 10 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62536/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

1971. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to review and strengthen the penalties for breaches of the provisions of Section 40 of the Wildlife Acts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62538/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

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1972. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59565/26 | CAROL NOLAN

1973. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he plans to amend the means assessment system as it applies to savers in Budget 2026, in line with the recommendations contained in the 2024 report of the Social Welfare Oireachtas Sub Committee, and further in line with the commitment in the Programme for Government to give effect to those recommendations.

PQ59546/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

1974. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to address the anomaly that exists for senior citizens being disqualified from entitlement to the State pension (non-contributory) due to holding shares (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59627/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1975. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of parent's benefit claims received in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by whether the claimant is a lone parent or one of two parents in the household; the estimated annual cost of amending the Parent's Leave and Benefit Act 2019 to allow a lone parent to draw the full eighteen-week combined entitlement currently available across two parents, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59639/26 | JOE COONEY

1976. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding any engagement he has had with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to their calls to create a multi-stakeholder, paternity leave working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59678/26 | BARRY WARD

1977. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to review the statutory paternity leave and to develop a pathway towards offering additional fully paid leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59690/26 | BARRY WARD

1978. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to review the flat rate of €299 paternity benefit and to index paternity benefit to income; if this has been considered by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59697/26 | BARRY WARD

1979. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the first year and full year cost of abolishing the means test for the back to school allowance for foster carers.

PQ59745/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

1980. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has undertaken a review of the adequacy of maternity leave supports available to self-employed female farmers; whether additional measures are under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59753/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

1981. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will confirm that foster carers are currently excluded from parents benefit and related leave supports; if so, the plans to extend these benefits to foster carers; if his Department has looked at the positive impact such a move may have on attracting and retaining foster families; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59913/26 | GED NASH

1982. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on his position on the thresholds in the capital means tests across various schemes in his Department.

PQ59958/26 | EOIN HAYES

1983. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount of monies recouped by his Department arising from social welfare fraud in each of the past five years, by category, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59969/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1984. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures currently being undertaken by his Department to tackle social welfare fraud; the additional initiatives planned over the coming years to strengthen fraud detection and prevention; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59975/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1985. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider, as part of Budget 2027, extending eligibility for illness benefit to self-employed workers who are unable to work due to illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59979/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1986. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider, as part of Budget 2027, introducing a provision whereby recipients of the widow's, widower's or surviving civil partner's pension will also be entitled to receive illness benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59982/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1987. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider the introduction of a new PRSI class for students engaged in part-time employment, which will enable them to establish entitlement to social welfare benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59990/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

1988. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to extend eligibility for the back to school clothing and footwear allowance to all children in foster care; if he will exempt foster households from means testing, in recognition of the additional supports required for children in care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60066/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

1989. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the pension entitlements for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60161/26 | JOHN LAHART

1990. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has any data on the numbers of returned Irish emigrants living here in receipt of a pension from abroad (excluding the United Kingdom) but not in receipt of a State pension (details supplied); the cost of providing these supports to such persons; whether consideration will be made to providing such supports to returned emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60254/26 | SEÁN KYNE

1991. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to developing a single, unified eligibility-checking tool for the public to identify which schemes and services administered by his Department they may be entitled to, beyond what is currently available on MyWelfare.ie; if his Department has assessed how the current spread of scheme information across platforms and formats represents a barrier to accessing these entitlements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60295/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

1992. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60672/26 | GED NASH

1993. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to report on progress to meet their commitments under the national human rights strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60744/26 | PA DALY

1994. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the first year and full year cost of universalising the back to school clothing and footwear allowance.

PQ61002/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

1995. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60924/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

1996. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current processing timeframes for new applications for disability allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60978/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

1997. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will review the rule restricting persons in receipt of the State Pension to a half-rate carer's allowance; if any such review is planned or underway; if so, the expected timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60779/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

1998. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61056/26 | MATT CARTHY

1999. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) and allow for full pay related benefit in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61144/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2000. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of new clients that MABS supported in County Clare in 2024, 2025 and to date 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61241/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

2001. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans and timeframe for the public services card, which should include a date of birth on the front of the card, to be produced in order to be accepted as a form of official identification in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61237/26 | SEAN FLEMING

2002. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the payment amount a person would receive, at the current rate for their pension, if they had a yearly average of 37; the amount a person would receive currently, if they were awarded the pension ten years ago, verses a person with 37 yearly average credits awarded the Contributory Pension in 2026.

PQ61220/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2003. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is in receipt of their full non-contributory pension benefit; and if they are entitled to the living alone allowance, fuel allowance and the household package.

PQ59984/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

2004. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1965 and 1966 of 28 July 2026, the number of jobseekers who have had their social welfare payment reduced as a result of failing to engage with, failing to participate or refusing to participate in a community referral or recruitment process, including failing to attend and interview, declining to partake in recruitment, including failing to attend an interview, declining to participate in recruitment or refusing an offer a suitable CE placement, in each.

PQ60054/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2005. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department is considering changes to the criteria for eligibility for a maternity benefit payment (details supplied); if there are any exceptions to this qualifying criteria such as where the applicant was unable to take up employment due to concerns for the wellbeing of the unborn child; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60086/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

2006. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing maternity benefit, paternity benefit, parent's benefit and adoptive benefit from the current rate to €450, €750 and €1100, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61100/26 | MARK WALL

2007. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assessment his Department has made of the potential number of Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection who may require social protection payments following changes to the ARP and temporary protection arrangements; the estimated additional expenditure arising in 2027; and whether provision has been sought or made for this expenditure in the 2027 Estimates.

PQ61332/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2008. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is considering increasing the household income limits for eligibility to the back to school clothing and footwear allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60960/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

2009. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current processing timeframes for new applications for illness benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60975/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

2010. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current processing timeframes for new applications for carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60973/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

2011. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement he has had with CE scheme supervisors regarding flaws in the scheme for workers to join the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60969/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

2012. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has changed the criteria in order that a person on a CE/TUS or RSS scheme can stay on it until they are 70, to comply with Employment (Contractual Retirement Ages) Bill 2025 (Bill 10 of 2025); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60966/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

2013. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to urgently address a development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60237/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2014. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that recipients of jobseeker's transitional payment who work under 30 hours per week are currently required to participate in activation meetings and prescribed schemes or programmes relating to jobseekers; to confirm the basis for applying a 30 hours per week threshold to jobseekers transitional recipients, specifically given that jobseeker's transitional claimants are statutorily exempt from the full time work condition under s.148A(3) and s.141(2)(a) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005; and to make a written statement on the matter.

PQ60817/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2015. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider introducing a digital pre-approval mechanism to streamline the application process for the treatment benefit scheme in order that applicants are not required to obtain a physical signature from their spouse each time they seek to access services under their spouse's PRSI record; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60785/26 | CATHAL CROWE

2016. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to ensure the disability allowance payment of a person (details supplied) is continued without any issues following a request for additional information from the Department, whilst the payment was initially reinstated in May 2026.

PQ60820/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2017. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61354/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2018. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61337/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2019. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated additional cost of making the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance universal, such that the means-test is removed and all children are eligible; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60789/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

2020. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 377 of 16 July 2026, the estimated full-year cost of paying the full rate of carer's allowance in conjunction with the State Pension, inclusive of those persons in receipt of an enhanced half-rate carer's allowance for the provision of full-time care to two or more persons who were excluded from the €116 million estimate previously provided; the number of such persons; the combined total full-year cost when those persons are included; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60776/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2021. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to introduce a cost of disability payment in Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60436/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2022. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will exclude all foster carers from the means test for back-to-school allowance (details supplied); and will the Minister make a statement on the matter.

PQ60099/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2023. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current eligibility-checking functionality available to members of the public through MyWelfare.ie; whether this functionality covers all schemes and services administered by his Department or only a sub-set; if there are plans to expand MyWelfare.ie's eligibility-checking functionality to cover the full range of schemes listed on the Department's social welfare schemes and services collection page on gov.ie, last updated 13 August 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60239/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

2024. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assessment his Department has made of the number of Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection who, following the ending of the ARP and the introduction of the temporary protection transition scheme, may become dependent on social protection payments; the additional expenditure his Department estimates may arise in 2027 as a result; whether provision has been made for this expenditure in the 2027 Estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61333/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2025. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of carer's allowance who receive a half rate payment, broken down by those who are in receipt of another qualifying social welfare payment, those caring for a person who is in receipt of a social welfare payment, those providing care to two or more persons but who do not receive the full rate of carer's allowance in respect of each person cared for, and any other category under which a half rate carer's allowance is payable; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60297/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

2026. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if illness benefit is being paid to a person (details supplied); if the one parent family allowance is being paid; the status of their application for DCA relative to a person; and if the record of their contributions will be provided.

PQ60268/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

2027. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of the non-contributory State pension who avail of the full €200 income disregard as part of the means test; the number of those that earn more than €270 per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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PQ60357/26 | EOIN HAYES

2028. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of the one-parent family payment who avail of the full €165 income disregard; the number of those that earn more than €200, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60349/26 | EOIN HAYES

2029. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 2053 of 28 July 2026, if he plans to allow those of pension age before the 1 January 2024 to have their contributions paid after 66 used to allow them reach 520 contributions to enter into contributory pension entitlement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60318/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

2030. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will receive approval for disability benefit payment, given that they were in receipt of the benefit previously; and the current status of the persons recent application.

PQ61482/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

2031. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has sufficient contributions to qualify for invalidity pension.

PQ61475/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

2032. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year costs of increasing the threshold to ensure that the first €35,000 of capital is not assessed in the means test for blind pension.

PQ61603/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

2033. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of eliminating the means test for the carer's allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61622/26 | EMER CURRIE

2034. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will examine the difficulties being experienced by a school (details supplied) in accessing the hot school meals programme, particularly regarding procurement requirements and the provision of a CAN number; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59830/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2035. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether he will consider legislative reform to provide for 100% continuation of the member's pension to a surviving spouse, including for existing widows and widowers currently receiving reduced survivor pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61743/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2036. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether consideration has been given to the disproportionate impact of 50% spousal pension payout on women with less occupational pension entitlements due to time spent on care work; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61742/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2037. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has carried out, or intends to carry out, an assessment of the gender impact of occupational and private pension schemes which reduce the pension payable to a surviving spouse to approximately 50% of the member's pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61741/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2038. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of students who benefited from the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance in each of the past five years; and whether his Department has assessed the adequacy of the support in meeting education-related costs.

PQ60859/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2039. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 312 and 313 of 9 July 2026, if he will consider the further points raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the backdating of domiciliary care allowance, particularly in circumstances where a child required a significantly enhanced level of care from birth but where diagnosis of a congenital condition was substantially delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61796/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

2040. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); if any discretion exists to consider entitlement to the 2025 carer's support grant given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61398/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

2041. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost in 2027 if the telephone support allowance increased to €4.50 per week.

PQ61386/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2042. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts hospitality, or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61573/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2043. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the approximate net loss to his Department due to an overpayment being issued to a person who claimed invalidity pension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61824/26 | SEAN FLEMING

2044. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken by his Department to tackle the rising rate of youth unemployment.

PQ61992/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2045. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which the revised nutritional standards under the Hot School Meals Programme will ensure that children with sensory issues, ARFID, and other specialised dietary needs can continue to access suitable meals; whether plain meal options will remain available to such children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62008/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2046. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the enforcement measures that will apply where suppliers continue to offer foods deemed non-compliant with revised nutritional standards under the Hot School Meals Programme; whether his Department will publish an implementation and enforcement timetable; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62006/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2047. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which suppliers participating in the Hot School Meals Programme are expected to ensure compliance with revised nutritional standards where final standards have not yet been formally communicated; the measures being taken to ensure those standards are applied consistently across all suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61999/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2048. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the nutritional standards that will apply to suppliers participating in the Hot School Meals Programme from September 2026; when the final revised standards will be issued to suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61996/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2049. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person in receipt of benefit payment for over 65s is eligible to qualify for a carers support grant, given that a person in receipt of the benefit payment does not need to look for work, sign on or be available for work to receive the payment and that same person can then be providing full-time care and attention to another person; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62034/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2050. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any cases whereby a person with outstanding class S or other income tax liabilities who was therefore was not entitled to their claim their State Pension (Contributory) when they turned 66, but subsequently reached a settlement with Revenue for the repayment of these debts; if there are cases whereby any individual in this situation had their pension backdated to the date they became eligible (66); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62033/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2051. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the merits of increasing child benefit levels and other supports for parents of twins or other multiple births to account for the significant extra costs for those families; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62157/26 | BARRY WARD

2052. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for domiciliary care allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ62176/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2053. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the income disregards by €1 in each of the social insurance schemes where income disregards are applicable, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62175/26 | EOIN HAYES

2054. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an appeal submitted in June 2025 for one parent family will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62228/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

2055. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider the requirement in forms for a State Pension (contributory) to provide details of workplaces of an applicant, the periods they worked in specific workplaces and their roll numbers; the reason such information is requested when an applicant is incapacitated and the form is being completed on their behalf; if State records of their PRSI contributions could be reviewed for the purposes of acquiring this information; his views on the need to ensure that persons who are incapacitated by illness are not unfairly barred from accessing a State pension; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ62248/26 | IVANA BACIK

2056. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason there is no mechanism to expedite an application for a State Pension (contributory) in circumstances where the applicant is dying; and his plans to introduce such a mechanism.

PQ62247/26 | IVANA BACIK

2057. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has considered reviewing the current social welfare eligibility rules for PME students who are unemployed during the summer months, having worked as substitute teachers throughout the school year, and consider providing financial support to those who are available for and seeking work.

PQ62329/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2058. To ask the Minister for Social Protection To ask the Minister whether data-sharing arrangements exist with Revenue, the CSO or the Department of Social Protection regarding employment outcomes among labour market access permission holders.

PQ62496/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2059. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the contributory pension for a person (details supplied) was not backdated to the time the recipient turned 66; and if this decision can be reconsidered.

PQ62542/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

2060. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the invalidity pension (details supplied); and when a decision will be made.

PQ62667/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

2061. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on his Department's review into exploring the expansion of the illness benefit scheme to self employed people through them paying a higher PRSI contribution as within the program for government; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62685/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

2062. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasons for the severe and ongoing operational dysfunction and prolonged customer service delays affecting MyFutureFund; the average wait times for employers and employees utilising the telephone and webchat support channels; the specific technical and administrative measures his Department is taking to eliminate the massive backlogs; the timeline by which full, seamless service functionality will be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62701/26 | CHARLES WARD

2063. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a rent allowance will be reinstated (details supplied).

PQ62702/26 | MÁIRE DEVINE

2064. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the redevelopment of Busáras.

PQ62318/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

2065. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 989 of 16 December 2025, if he has given further consideration to the introduction of baby loss certificate process; if not, to consider the introduction of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60324/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2066. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether any policy analysis, review or consideration has been undertaken regarding the suspension, reduction or withdrawal of child benefit payments where a child has engaged in repeated criminal activity; the legal, constitutional and social welfare issues identified in relation to any such proposal; whether either Department has examined the potential deterrent effect of such a measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62126/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2067. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Section 317 reviews received by the social welfare appeals office in each of the past five years, by scheme.

PQ62788/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2068. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Section 317 review applications that have remained outstanding for more than, three, six, nine and twelve months in each of the past five years.

PQ62790/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2069. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons awaiting determination of a Section 317 review who are not currently in receipt of any weekly social welfare payment, by scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62792/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2070. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing time for Section 317 reviews in each of the past five years, by scheme.

PQ62789/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2071. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of disability allowance applicants who had no social welfare income in payment while awaiting the outcome of a Section 317 review in each of the past five years.

PQ62791/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2072. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department is aware of the potential implications for mothers of complicated pregnancies who are applying for maternity benefit (details supplied); the plans to safeguard expectant mothers in such situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60089/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

2073. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62944/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2074. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62984/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2075. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the eligibility criteria for the Living Alone Increase with a view to including individuals under the age of 66 who receive the Bereaved Partner's (Contributory) Pension and who independently satisfy the existing living-alone conditions; number of people who would benefit from this extension and the projected annual cost to the Exchequer; if this targeted measure will be evaluated in the context of the upcoming Budget 2027 and the next Social Welfare Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63131/26 | CATHAL CROWE

2076. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of introducing zero employer PRSI for workers under 25; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62893/26 | EMER CURRIE

2077. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of reducing employer PRSI to 8% on the first €36,000 of each employee's wages from January 2027, moving to 7% in 2028 and 5% by 2029, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62891/26 | EMER CURRIE

2078. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has assessed the number of working families with school going children who are above the income threshold for the back to school clothing and footwear allowance but report difficulty meeting school costs; and if such data are not held, the reason.

PQ62818/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2079. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether consideration has been given to extending a State funded back to school payment to all families with school-going children; if so, the outcome; and if not, whether his Department has assessed the cost of such a measure.

PQ62817/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2080. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has assessed the number of families with school going children who do not qualify for the back to school clothing and footwear allowance but experience difficulty meeting back-to-school costs; and if so, the number identified.

PQ62816/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2081. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department has assessed the average cost incurred by families in preparing a child to return to school against the value of the back to school clothing and footwear allowance; and if so, the findings of that assessment.

PQ62815/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2082. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families with school-going children who received the back to school clothing and footwear allowance in each of the past five years; the total value paid in each year; and the number of children covered in each year.

PQ62814/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2083. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on an application for carers allowance for a person (details supplied).

PQ63185/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

2084. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the living alone allowance by €1, €5 and €10 per week; when it was last increased; if it is being considered for increase this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63215/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2085. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a job seekers allowance payment included is included in a means test when it comes to the back to school allowance payment.

PQ63211/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

2086. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63358/26 | GED NASH

2087. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average phone waiting time experienced by MyFutureFund customers, by month since the scheme commenced operations; the average webchat waiting time by month; the number of unanswered telephone calls, abandoned calls and unanswered webchat requests recorded in each month to date; the number of open customer service cases, complaints and employer support queries currently awaiting resolution; the measures being taken by his Department and NAERSA to address service backlogs and improve customer response times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63403/26 | CHARLES WARD

2088. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to increase the State Pension (Non-Contributory) means test.

PQ63369/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2089. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to increase the income limit from €100 per week for adult dependents.

PQ63368/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2090. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63460/26 | GED NASH

2091. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he would expedite a review (details supplied) for working family payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63518/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

2092. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason both non contributory pensions for a person (details supplied) ceased, were these decisions reviewed/appealed; and when was the last correspondence with the pensioners.

PQ63628/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

2093. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has examined the gender and financial-independence implications of assessing a spouse's, civil partner's or cohabitant's means when determining entitlement to the State pension (non-contributory), particularly where a woman

has little or no independent income; whether reforms to provide greater individual entitlement are being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63768/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2094. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of women receiving the State pension (non-contributory) at the maximum personal rate, 75% to less than 100% of the maximum rate, 50% to less than 75%, 25% to less than 50% and less than 25%, broken down by marital or relationship status; and the number whose payment is below the maximum rate because of their spouse's, civil partner's or cohabitant's assessed means.

PQ63767/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2095. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of women of State pension age who applied for the State pension (non-contributory) in each of the past five years and to date in 2026 and who, following the assessment of their spouse's, civil partner's or cohabitant's means, were refused payment and awarded payment at less than the maximum personal rate; the corresponding figures for male applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63766/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2096. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of women in each of the past five years who, because of the assessed means of a spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, were refused the State pension (non-contributory) and received no State pension in their own right and awarded a pension below the maximum personal rate; the equivalent figures for men; and the number of related appeals lodged, upheld and rejected.

PQ63765/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2097. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals relating to the State pension (contributory) and State pension (non-contributory) in each of the past five years, broken down by pension type, gender and outcome, including allowed, partially allowed, disallowed, withdrawn and pending; and the number of original refusals revised following an internal review.

PQ63764/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2098. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to consider abolishing means testing for all foster carer's (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63823/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2099. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether his Department collects data on the practice of transport operators registered under the free travel scheme charging free travel pass holders booking fees for eligible services, including data such as the value of booking fees applied to free travel pass holders for eligible services; the total annual value of booking fees collected by each registered operator from free travel pass holders; if this data is available, to provide it for the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; if this data is not collected, to provide the rationale for not collecting it.

PQ63842/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total cost of the free travel scheme for the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ63853/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process through which the free travel scheme operates; how are transport operators compensated for providing eligible services for free travel pass holders; how are transport operators in the North of Ireland compensated for providing eligible services for free travel pass holders who also have a senior SmartPass.

PQ63850/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether consideration has been given to increasing the child benefit payment in the upcoming Budget 2027.

PQ63868/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

2103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the State Pension (Contributory) and State Pension (Non-Contributory) in each of the past five years, by pension type, gender and outcome, including granted, refused, withdrawn and pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63762/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

2104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of carer's benefit; the typical duration of their claim; and if he has considered greater flexibility under this scheme to cover intermittent caring periods.

PQ63891/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the additional supports or secondary benefits allowed to persons on a carer's allowance, and to persons on a carer's benefit.

PQ63890/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the carer's support grant; the number of these who already have carer's payments or domiciliary care allowance; and the number who qualify independently of these schemes.

PQ63893/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the take-up to date of the concession of free travel to those medically unfit to drive; and the number of children who will benefit from free travel.

PQ63894/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which the Government intends to ensure that Budget 2027 delivers on the poverty-reduction targets set out in the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2026–2030; and the specific measures being considered to increase the adequacy of social welfare payments and reduce the cost-of-living for low-income households.

PQ63920/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider increasing the weekly fuel allowance payment from €38 to €42 in Budget 2027 and retaining the 32-week fuel allowance season, in order to restore the purchasing power of the payment to its 2020 level and provide greater certainty to households; and the estimated cost of these measures.

PQ63918/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to providing a double payment under the back to school clothing and footwear allowance for eligible children undertaking the Transition Year Programme, in recognition of the additional costs associated with the programme; and the estimated cost of such a measure.

PQ63915/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider increasing and index-linking the income disregard for the one-parent family payment and jobseeker's transitional payment in Budget 2027; the number of recipients who would benefit from such a measure; and the estimated cost.

PQ63914/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2112. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made towards introducing a weekly cost of disability payment; the steps being taken to develop such a payment following the public consultation on the cost of disability and the Strategic Focus Network Summit; and if funding for the introduction of such a payment will be considered as part of Budget 2027.

PQ63913/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the eligibility process for carer's allowance/disability allowance in cases where domiciliary care allowance has been discontinued due to the child turning 16 years-of-age.

PQ63923/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider increasing the child support payment by €10 per week for children under 12 years-of-age and by €18 per week for children aged 12 years-of-age and over in Budget 2027, as recommended by an organisation (details supplied); and the estimated cost of implementing these increases.

PQ63912/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken to ensure that core social welfare rates are sufficient to meet the minimum essential standard of living; and if he will consider increasing core social welfare rates by €15 per week in Budget 2027, in line with the recommendation of an organisation (details supplied).

PQ63911/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the levels of maternity benefit and maternity leave, paternity benefit and leave, parental benefit and parental leave which will apply during 2027; and if there is any anticipated changes in these due to take place during 2027.

PQ63883/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children on child benefit payments; and the way in which the number has been affected by the extension of payments to those in full-time education up to 19 years-of-age.

PQ63902/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will review the eligibility for fuel allowance on behalf of a person (details supplied).

PQ63983/26 | ROBERT TROY

2119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current weekly rate of the guardian's payment (contributory) and the guardian's payment (non-contributory); the reason for the difference between these rates and the weekly foster care allowance paid by Tusla in respect of a foster child; if consideration will be given to reviewing and increasing the guardian's payment so that it more accurately reflects the cost of raising a child who cannot be cared for by their parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63969/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated first-year and full-year cost to the Exchequer of reducing the employer rate of PRSI to 8% on the first €36,000 of each employee's earnings; the further estimated cost of reducing that rate to 5% by 2029; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63733/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated first-year and full-year cost to the Exchequer of applying a zero rate of employer PRSI in respect of employees under 25 years-of-age; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63734/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated additional annual receipts to the Social Insurance Fund, in PRSI, arising from the increases in the national minimum wage since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63735/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide a list of each capital project over €1 million in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63485/26 | JOE NEVILLE

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2124. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59566/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2125. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department maintains, as a general matter of governance, the risk assessment or risk register entry relating to continuity of legal representation in criminal proceedings; the date any such entry was created or last reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59606/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2126. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when he intends to act on the recommendations of the Civil Legal Aid review report from former Chief Justice (details supplied) principally the recommendation that the primary income threshold for civil legal aid should be increased to €23,500 in disposable income; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59630/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

2127. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the plans he has to further regulate the sale of nitrous oxide canisters to ensure that they are not being sold for recreational use; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59623/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2128. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 324 of 28 July 2026, the current status of the proposals to amend road traffic legislation to provide appropriate legal protections for members of An Garda Síochána undertaking pursuits in the course of their duties; when it is intended to submit those proposals to the Department of Transport; and whether a timeline has been agreed between An Garda Síochána and his Department for bringing forward the necessary legislative changes.

PQ59649/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2129. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the general mechanisms available to the State, as a matter of law and policy, to pursue the return of a person for prosecution where that person is located in a jurisdiction with which the State has no bilateral extradition agreement, including the use of Interpol Red Notices and mutual legal assistance arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59650/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2130. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any assessment was carried out of the adequacy of a single flat fee for more serious or more resource-intensive District Court matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59652/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2131. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026, the decisions that have been made regarding what persons will be admitted under this programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59662/26 | BARRY WARD

2132. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an exhaustive list of countries that are both eligible and ineligible for the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; the basis for the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59666/26 | BARRY WARD

2133. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the required biometric data for the purposes of qualifying for the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59668/26 | BARRY WARD

2134. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans for dealing with cyber threats, online scams and dealing with spyware such as programmes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59679/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2135. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the data required to be included within the biometric element of a passport for the purposes of entering the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59671/26 | BARRY WARD

2136. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration what constitutes biometric testing for the purposes of verifying a passport or any other identity document; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59673/26 | BARRY WARD

2137. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the facilities that he has put in place to carry out biometric testing in third countries for the purposes of the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59675/26 | BARRY WARD

2138. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has reviewed whether the current statutory framework permits the timely publication of identifying details of a person where there is an immediate and serious risk to public safety; whether any legislative amendment in this area is under consideration or has been proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59733/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2139. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 588 of 14 July 2026, which provided annual national totals only, to provide the number of criminal legal aid certificates granted in the District Court in the period 1 to 14 July in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026, by court district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59743/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2140. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 319 and 320 of 15 July 2026, which provided national figures only, to provide the number of criminal legal aid certificates granted in the Cork District Court area in each month from January 2026 to date, the number of solicitors on the criminal legal aid panel serving the Cork District Court area; the number who have resigned from that panel since 1 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59747/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2141. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will respond to the queries raised in correspondence (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59762/26 | NIALL COLLINS

2142. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the progress that has been made regarding updating Prison Rules 2007 by 31 December 2025; when he plans to publish the updated rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59824/26 | MATT CARTHY

2143. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the report on the external review of the chaplaincy service; if he has received the report; the timeline for when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59835/26 | MATT CARTHY

2144. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total allocation provided to An Garda Síochána for EU Presidency policing; the amount drawn down to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59656/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2145. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the changes that have occurred since the implementation of the EU Migration Asylum Pact on 12 June 2026, in relation to the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59856/26 | BARRY WARD

2146. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason each country (details supplied) is considered ineligible for the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59857/26 | BARRY WARD

2147. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the considerations he has given regarding the eligibility of Pakistan for inclusion in the biometric testing process for the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59861/26 | BARRY WARD

2148. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the effect of deeming certain third countries as ineligible under the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; if it will mean persons in those third countries will not gain admission into the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; if it also means that only people in the third countries deemed eligible (details supplied) will be admitted under this programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59866/26 | BARRY WARD

2149. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the updated requirements under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (details supplied); if there is any flexibility in this regard and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59898/26 | BARRY WARD

2150. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any means that biometric testing can be carried out in a location other than an Irish embassy or consulate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59928/26 | BARRY WARD

2151. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if biometric testing is conducted by a commercial entity and contractor (details supplied); if this company can therefore conduct biometric testing on behalf of all signatories of the EU migration pact; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59939/26 | BARRY WARD

2152. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, for the purposes of the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026, biometric testing can be carried out in a location or by a body other than a diplomatic mission, such as a company (details supplied), who carried out this work on behalf of Ireland and other EU nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59951/26 | BARRY WARD

2153. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the number of participants in each initiative currently operated by or within the Irish Prison Service, the Probation Service, the Parole Board and the Garda Youth Diversion Programme which are designed to address violent behaviour, raise awareness of the impact of physical assaults on victims and families, promote non-violence and reduce reoffending from the most recent year for which figures are available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59949/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2154. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of short-stay visa applications submitted through the Moscow Visa Office that are currently being processed by the Dublin Visa Office; the number of decisions on these visa applications that have issued in 2026 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59960/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

2155. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2000 of 28 July 2026, the current average processing time for Moscow-origin short-stay visa applications; the reason it is significantly higher than the 37-day average cited in the response; the specific steps planned to address this backlog; the expected timeframe for clearing it; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59962/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

2156. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the application made under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the specific concerns related to the amended qualifying criteria for this programme and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59994/26 | BARRY WARD

2157. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the application made under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the specific concerns related to the amended qualifying criteria for this programme and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60014/26 | BARRY WARD

2158. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite short stay C visit visa applications (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60028/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2159. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any review of the allowances for Ukrainian citizens to qualify for housing supports while under temporary protective status; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60032/26 | BARRY WARD

2160. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to concerns related to the inability of Ukrainian citizens living in Ireland being unable to apply for housing supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60044/26 | BARRY WARD

2161. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider introducing attachment orders, or a similar mechanism, on social welfare payments for persons convicted of ten or more offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60064/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

2162. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider introducing attachment orders on social welfare payments for persons who breach maintenance orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60067/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

2163. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeframe for court reform, including but not limited to increasing the number of judges, and accelerating the establishment and operation of the Family Courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60073/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

2164. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will amend section 12 of the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001 to provide that any vehicle suspected of having been used in the commission of a crime be automatically forfeited to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60091/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

2165. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider removing responsibility for the preparation and prosecution of District Court matters from members of An Garda Síochána; expanding the role and resources of the State prosecutions service to assume these functions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60102/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

2166. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí stationed in County Kildare, by station after the latest Garda allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60128/26 | JOE NEVILLE

2167. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will ensure that an IRP card will issue as soon as possible in this case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60160/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2168. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána who resigned from the force in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; to provide this data broken down by Garda division and by rank; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60183/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2169. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide, for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, the number of members of An Garda Síochána who left the force, broken down by reason for departure, including voluntary retirement, compulsory retirement, early retirement, resignation, medical discharge and dismissal; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60186/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2170. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána attached to the Cork City and Cork County Garda divisions who left the force in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by rank and by reason for departure; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60190/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2171. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if An Garda Síochána conducts exit interviews with members who resign from the force; if the data from such interviews is collated and analysed centrally; if a formal retention strategy is in place; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60197/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2172. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána recruited and the number who left the force in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the resulting net change in Garda strength for each year; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60206/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2173. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the increased measures being taken to protect our borders from migration, especially through Northern Ireland; the level of checks carried out on individuals and families trying to enter the country; what happens when people arrive without passports or documentation; his position in relation to the number coming into Ireland in the context of capacity/pressure on services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60200/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2174. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide updated staffing levels for Garda stations serving North Kildare, including Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60130/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

2175. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the adequacy of the provisions contained within section 23 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1977; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60214/26 | BARRY WARD

2176. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeframe for the next citizenship ceremony to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60317/26 | COLM BURKE

2177. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a person (details supplied) will be considered for the upcoming citizenship ceremony in view that their citizenship application was recently granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60319/26 | COLM BURKE

2178. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of sanctioned Garda posts; filled Garda posts; vacancies in each Garda division as of the latest available date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60285/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2179. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the evidence or analysis that informed the decision to introduce the revised citizenship residency requirement and family reunification provisions in the International Protection Act 2026; the assessment that was made of how these measures would support the integration of people granted international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60459/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2180. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department carried out an assessment of the overall impact of the changes introduced under the International Protection Act 2026 on people already in the international protection process (details supplied); whether the effect of these changes on the length of time families may remain separated was examined; whether any transitional arrangements for people already in the system were considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60472/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2181. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to urgently intervene and assist in a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60571/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2182. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status and occupancy of the rapid-build modular housing sites at Ballinure Way, Mahon, Cork city, and at Charleville, County Cork; the number of units at each site; the number currently occupied; and the number of residents accommodated at each site as of the most recent date available.

PQ60594/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2183. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether residents at the rapid-build modular housing sites at Ballinure Way, Mahon, Cork City, and at Charleville, County Cork, fall within the scope of the phased withdrawal of State-provided accommodation announced in May 2026; whether any residents at either site have received notice to leave; and the notice period being applied.

PQ60596/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2184. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the tenure or licence basis on which residents currently remain at the rapid-build modular housing sites at Ballinure Way, Mahon, Cork city, and at Charleville, County Cork; the financial contribution or charge payable by residents at each site; and whether that contribution has changed since the sites first opened.

PQ60600/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2185. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will approve visas for students from Gaza who have been granted scholarships to Irish universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60604/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2186. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of concerns regarding the refusal of study visas to Palestinian students from Gaza who have secured places at Irish higher education institutions (details supplied); whether the exceptional circumstances arising from the conflict in Gaza are considered when assessing such applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60661/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2187. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60671/26 | GED NASH

2188. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures his Department is taking to address the use of fireworks in the leadup to Halloween 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60818/26 | EMER CURRIE

2189. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total funding provided to the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Racial Equality and Racism since its establishment, broken down by year and by category, including office holder remuneration, secretariat costs, and research or report commissioning costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60899/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2190. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the full membership of the Advisory Committee on Racism and Racial Equality; the organisation each member represents; the total State funding provided to each such organisation in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60904/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2191. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total cost of producing and publishing the first annual report of the Special Rapporteur on Racial Equality and Racism, published on 18 February 2026, including any external consultancy, research, design or communications costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60910/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2192. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department accepts, is considering, or rejects the recommendation in the first annual report of the Special Rapporteur on Racial Equality and Racism to introduce pathways to regularise Roma individuals residing in the State without immigration permission; the timeline for any decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60916/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2193. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of recommendations contained in the first annual report of the Special Rapporteur on Racial Equality and Racism that his Department has accepted, is considering, and has rejected, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60939/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2194. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the recommendation in the first annual report of the Special Rapporteur on Racial Equality and Racism for an urgent update to incitement to hatred legislation is under consideration by his Department, given the removal of the incitement to violence or hatred provisions from the legislation enacted as the Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60944/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2195. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department, or any body under its aegis, has assessed the evidence base for the effectiveness of unconscious bias training prior to any endorsement of the recommendation for mandatory, continuous unconscious bias training across all public sector staff; if his Department is aware of the decision taken in 2020 to phase out such training across the United Kingdom civil service on the basis of a commissioned evidence review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60949/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2196. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated cost of introducing mandatory, continuous anti-racism, cultural competency and unconscious bias training across all public sector staff, as recommended in the first annual report of the Special Rapporteur on Racial Equality and Racism; the providers through which such training will be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60961/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2197. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of community Gardaí assigned to Blanchardstown Garda Station, in tabular form; and if he will make statement on the matter.

PQ60989/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2198. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of community Gardaí assigned to district K, in tabular form; and if he will make statement on the matter.

PQ60993/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2199. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if provision exists within the Domestic Violence Judgments Register Act 2026 to ensure that a person cannot circumvent discovery of their inclusion on the register through changing their name for example, by deed poll; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61007/26 | MATT CARTHY

2200. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60923/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

2201. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61047/26 | MATT CARTHY

2202. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he intends to compile and publish data concerning the number of applications for international protection submitted by persons who had initially or previously entered the State broken down by immigration permission categories (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61105/26 | MATT CARTHY

2203. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will commit to implementing Ask 2 of a framework (details supplied) by ensuring that bereaved families in manslaughter cases are entitled to receive a written explanation of sentencing decisions upon request, as operates in England and Wales; whether this could be achieved through amendment to the Victims Act 2017 or through a direction to the DPP; and the proposed timeline for implementation.

PQ59780/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

2204. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners released from each prison under the community return scheme in each of the years 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the numbers of prisoners that had been in custody for under one month, under two months, under three months, three to six months, six months to one year, between one to two years, between two to five years, over five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61126/26 | MATT CARTHY

2205. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána who left the force between 1 January 2026 and 24 July 2026, broken down by retirement, resignation, discharge on failure to pass probation, dismissal and death in service; the total number of members attested during the same period; the sworn strength of An Garda Síochána on 1 January 2026 and on 24 July 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59796/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2206. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline the legislation originating from the European Union which he is obliged but has not as of yet transposed into domestic law; the deadline for transposition; the consequences arising from not meeting the transposition deadline; the timeframe in which he intends to transpose, by directive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61152/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2207. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will outline the legislation originating from the European Union which had transposition deadlines since 2023; the deadline for transposition; those for which Ireland did not meet the transposition deadline; any penalties accrued arising from such; the timeframe in which he intends to transpose, by directive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61155/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2208. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of the policy, criteria or decision-making process used by the Irish Prison Service for determining whether an individual will be placed on a Basic, Standard or Enhanced Regime upon committal; the policy, criteria, and decision-making process for changing the regime a person is on; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60602/26 | IVANA BACIK

2209. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of convictions for murder in each of the past 15 years arising from unprovoked assaults or one-punch attacks; the number of offenders convicted in each year who had previous convictions; the gender of victims and convicted persons; the county or Garda division in which the offences occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59908/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2210. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners granted early release from the prison estate in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, disaggregated by the scheme under which release was granted including reviewable temporary release, the community return programme, the community support scheme, and any temporary release scheme introduced or expanded to address overcrowding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61182/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2211. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the legal authority that permits the State to decline to determine an asserted directly effective Article 20 TFEU right directly, and instead determine the matter solely under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015; if such authority exists, to identify the specific legal authority relied upon; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59876/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

2212. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if supports are available for a victim of domestic violence seeking a divorce who is above the income threshold for legal aid but can not afford divorce proceedings.

PQ61163/26 | THOMAS GOULD

2213. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of convictions recorded under sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person Act 1997 in each of the past 15 years where the offence was classified as an unprovoked assault and/or a one-punch attack; the number of offenders convicted in each year who had previous convictions; the gender of victims and convicted persons; the county or Garda division in which the offences occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59896/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2214. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons under the age of 18 convicted of offences relating to unprovoked assaults in each of the past 15 years; the number who had previous convictions or findings of guilt; the gender of victims and convicted persons; the county or Garda division in which the offences occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59914/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2215. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of young persons referred to and accepted onto the Garda Youth Diversion Programme in connection with offences involving unprovoked assaults in each of the past ten years; the age and gender profile of those referred; the county or Garda division in which the incidents occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59918/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2216. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide details of any programmes, education initiatives, behavioural interventions or awareness campaigns currently operated by or within the Irish Prison Service, the Probation Service, the Parole Board and the Garda Youth Diversion Programme which are designed to address violent behaviour, raise awareness of the impact of physical assaults on victims and families, promote non-violence and reduce reoffending; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59946/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2217. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider legislative amendments to ensure that deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications, insurance, accreditation or business identity by contractors can be better prosecuted as fraud rather than treated solely as a civil matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61227/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

2218. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2247 of 28 July 2026, if he has received the necessary information from Garda authorities to answer the question; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61240/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

2219. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite a travel document application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61200/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2220. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if support is available for a person (details supplied) regarding a claim to the Injuries Board.

PQ61165/26 | THOMAS GOULD

2221. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to address the issues raised correspondence (details supplied); the supports available to make the transition into private accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61252/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2222. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration regarding the family reunification visa system whether he acknowledges the concerns of healthcare assistants who work full-time, pay tax, and serve the needs of Irish society but who are refused reunification visas as their income is deemed insufficient under the terms of the scheme; whether he accepts the view that Ireland accepts healthcare labour as essential, but the immigration system often treats family reunification as unaffordable; and his plans to examine the fairness of the thresholds.

PQ60049/26 | SEÁN KYNE

2223. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to respond to issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61164/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2224. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of assaults and public order incidents that took place at an event in County Kerry (details supplied) in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60083/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2225. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the strategies he has in place to address the growing problem of shoplifting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61280/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2226. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of assaults and public order incidents that took place at a festival in County Kerry (details supplied) in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60085/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2227. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will report on operation of naturalisation via Irish association; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60460/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2228. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fines issued at a static speed camera (details supplied) from 1 July 2026 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60107/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

2229. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left, State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number who left Ireland, including the number who returned to Ukraine, where this information is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61305/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2230. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left, State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number who subsequently entered emergency or State-provided accommodation again.

PQ61304/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2231. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left, State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number who moved in with family, friends or other private hosts without State accommodation support.

PQ61303/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2232. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022 whether his Department maintains a central dataset capable of tracking the accommodation pathway of beneficiaries of temporary protection from their departure from State-provided accommodation to their subsequent accommodation arrangement; and, if not, the reason such data are not collected.

PQ61308/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2233. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left, State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number who moved into accommodation provided by charities, voluntary organisations or other non-State bodies.

PQ61302/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2234. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left, State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number who were offered alternative State-provided accommodation following the ending of their original accommodation arrangement and the number who accepted such an offer.

PQ61307/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2235. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number who obtained local authority or other social housing through a route other than the ordinary social housing list ; to provide a breakdown of the above figures by year, county and household type, where available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61301/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2236. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in light of the Government's decision that the Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) scheme will end on 31 March 2027 and the phased withdrawal of State-contracted accommodation for beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine, the protections, accommodation supports and transition arrangements the Government intends to put in place for beneficiaries of temporary protection who remain dependent on ARP-supported accommodation when the scheme ends.

PQ61320/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2237. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if an application for a certificate of naturalisation (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60134/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2238. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has undertaken an assessment of the number of individuals and families who are currently accommodated through ARP who may be unable to secure alternative accommodation without State assistance.

PQ61322/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2239. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number who moved into accommodation supported by the Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP); to provide a breakdown of the above figures by year, county and household type, where available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61300/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2240. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number who moved into private rented accommodation; the number receiving rent supplement or other housing related State support; to provide a breakdown of the above figures by year, county and household type and financial support category where available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61299/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2241. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applicants from Palestine for student visas for the 2026/2027 academic year; the number that were granted; the number refused; the primary reasons for refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61119/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2242. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Government has assessed the potential impact of the termination of ARP on homelessness and emergency accommodation demand.

PQ61327/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2243. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether discussions have taken place with local authorities, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Department of Social Protection and relevant housing and homelessness services regarding the potential consequences of the withdrawal of ARP; if he will publish a detailed transition plan setting out the accommodation and support pathway available to each category of beneficiary currently dependent on ARP before the scheme terminates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61328/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2244. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme for Ukrainian beneficiaries of Temporary Protection; the amount of funding his Department has requested or provided for this programme as part of the 2027 Estimates process; whether any funding has been specifically identified or ring-fenced for the programme; the proportion of the estimated cost expected to be met from Exchequer funding and the proportion expected to be met from EU funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61331/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2245. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a naturalisation application by a person (details supplied), that has been pending since 2022 and has reportedly reached final processing; when the applicant can expect a final decision; the estimated date for completion, given the exceptional length of time the application has remained outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60979/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2246. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of farm theft incidents in each county in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60218/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2247. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether, in light of the particular circumstances of elderly beneficiaries of temporary protection who remain dependent on State-supported accommodation and who have limited or no capacity to supplement their income through employment, he will seek a review of the categories exempted from the revised €38.80 weekly payment, with a view to including persons of pensionable age; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60901/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2248. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of farm theft incidents in County Kerry in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60217/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2249. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he has engaged with the Minister for Social Protection regarding the application of the revised weekly payment of €38.80 to beneficiaries of temporary protection who continue to reside in designated State-supported accommodation; whether consideration has been given to exempting persons of pensionable age or older persons who cannot reasonably be expected to enter employment from the reduced payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60898/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2250. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the current responsibilities of his Department in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection in Ireland; the responsibilities which now rest with other Government Departments in relation to their accommodation, income supports, housing and integration; and if he will provide clarity as to the lead Department responsible for the overall coordination of Government policy concerning beneficiaries of temporary protection.

PQ60897/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2251. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when applications for tourism or visit a family/friend received in Dublin on 2 June 2026 may be completed.

PQ60893/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

2252. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason the Dublin visa office is still processing tourism or visit a family/friend applications received in May 2025; and the steps being taken to reduce this backlog.

PQ60892/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

2253. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of beneficiaries of temporary protection currently accommodated by the State who, following the introduction of the revised accommodation arrangements, are expected to remain eligible for State-supported accommodation on grounds such as age, disability or other vulnerability; the projected capacity required to accommodate this cohort; whether sufficient designated accommodation capacity is currently available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60891/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2254. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether an application or approval process exists whereby an accommodation provider whose contract for the provision of accommodation to beneficiaries of temporary protection has recently been terminated may apply to become a designated accommodation centre for persons who remain eligible for State-supported accommodation; the criteria applying to the designation of such centres; whether former or existing BOTP accommodation providers may apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60888/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2255. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2204 of 28 July 2026, the number of FCNs that were paid, broken down by month, from the total of 8,374 issued for non-complaint number plates; the number that were unpaid resulting in a summons being issued; and the number that were convicted in court.

PQ60843/26 | EMER CURRIE

2256. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61355/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2257. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of emails received through the dedicated helpdesk at ipasinbox@justice.ie from persons applying for international protection regarding concerns in relation to their accommodation in each year from 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60815/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2258. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda vehicles carrying Pride-themed livery in each year from 2019 to date; the number of Garda vehicles carrying liveries or branding promoting awareness of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence during the same period; and if he will provide the figures by year.

PQ60813/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2259. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on an application for stamp 4 permission under the Turkish Association Agreement (details supplied); the current temporary solution for the person involved given an issue that has arisen; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60810/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2260. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61338/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2261. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the organisations, persons and stakeholders that have been consulted to date with respect to the formulation and drafting of the national Migration and Integration Strategy due to be published in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60792/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2262. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether passport control checks at ports of entry automatically identify individuals who are subject to Irish entry bans, exclusion orders, deportation orders or other immigration restrictions; the systems used to facilitate such checks; the number of alerts generated in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60778/26 | MATT CARTHY

2263. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a contract (details supplied) for IPAS accommodation will be renewed; if there has been engagement with the property owners in terms of its future use; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60768/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2264. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to report on progress to meet his commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60743/26 | PA DALY

2265. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the anticipated impact of the EU Migration and Asylum Pact on Ireland's border control, immigration screening and security procedures; the preparations being undertaken for its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60638/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2266. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Ireland's current position in relation to European Union initiatives on migration management, border security and protection of the EU's external borders; the specific measures Ireland is advocating at EU level to reduce undocumented migration; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60635/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2267. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the resources and supports provided to local authorities and communities affected by the accommodation and processing of persons admitted to the State through international protection and immigration procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60630/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2268. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the penalties, sanctions or enforcement actions available in respect of airlines or carriers that transport passengers to the State without valid travel documentation; the number of such actions taken in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60625/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2269. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures and security protocols in place for verifying the identity of and conducting security and background checks on, persons arriving at Irish airports without valid travel documentation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60622/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2270. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the policy and legal basis under which persons arriving at Irish ports of entry without valid passports or travel documents may be permitted to enter the State; the authority responsible for approving such procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60620/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2271. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the Garda resources assigned to Operation Tombola in 2026 to combat the illegal importation, sale and use of fireworks; whether these resources have been increased or decreased from previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60471/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2272. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to examine the case of a person (details supplied); the reason that after three years a decision has not yet been made on the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61405/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

2273. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme for Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection, the number of persons his Department estimates may avail of the programme in 2027.

PQ61329/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2274. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of beneficiaries currently in ARP-supported accommodation who are not in employment or self-employment and therefore may not meet the proposed eligibility criteria for the temporary protection transition scheme.

PQ61325/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2275. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite an application for Irish Citizenship (details supplied) that is pending since 6 December 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60272/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2276. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify issues regarding current border control operations, airport security and immigration procedures in Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60265/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2277. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total Garda numbers, for Galway by division for each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025; the number of retirements in Galway, per year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60361/26 | SEÁN KYNE

2278. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will confirm whether a period of residence in the State held under Stamp 0 permission is reckonable for the purposes of section 16A of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended, noting that Stamp 0 is not among the categories of residence excluded by that section; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61435/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2279. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the proposed amendments to the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 approved by Government on 26 November 2025, which would exclude residence accrued on certain temporary permissions from reckonable residence, are intended to apply to Stamp 0 permission; the expected timeline for publication of the general scheme and the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61464/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2280. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions he plans to take following his meeting with the family of a deceased person (details supplied) in relation to the circumstances of their death; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61454/26 | BARRY WARD

2281. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there are plans to modernise the Garda vetting process; whether consideration has been given to linking Garda vetting applications to an individual's PPS number as a means of streamlining identity verification and reducing unnecessary administrative burdens on An Garda Síochána, employers, volunteers and community organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60336/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2282. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to legislate for how guardianship rights are determined when a parent has been accused of intimate partner violence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60316/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2283. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the planned deportation of a person (details supplied); if there is any further avenue of appeal in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61550/26 | BARRY WARD

2284. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any engagement he has had with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the refusal of visas for Palestinian students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61527/26 | BARRY WARD

2285. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide information regarding the new family visits policy introduced by the Irish Prison Service (IPS) in November 2025, including the aim of the policy and the reasoning for its introduction; whether siblings and nieces/nephews under the age of 18 are excluded from family visits under the new policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61554/26 | BARRY WARD

2286. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update regarding the establishment of the Penal Policy Consultative Council by 31 December 2026; the timeframe for it to be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61553/26 | BARRY WARD

2287. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the decision mechanisms behind the decision to deport a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61552/26 | BARRY WARD

2288. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the campaign in support of a person facing deportation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61551/26 | BARRY WARD

2289. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions he will take to address concerns related to the approval of visa applications made by Palestinian students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61519/26 | BARRY WARD

2290. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding reviews ongoing within his Department in relation to the refusal of visas for Palestinian students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61524/26 | BARRY WARD

2291. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding engagement he has had with Higher Education facilities in relation to the approval of visa applications made by Palestinian students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61522/26 | BARRY WARD

2292. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of WTE staff by grade currently working in each probation centre within Dublin, in tabular form.

PQ61512/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

2293. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the amount that An Garda Síochána have spent hiring out external jewellery valuers to carry out work on their behalf in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61511/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

2294. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2206 of 28 July 2026, if he has received the relevant information from Garda Authorities to answer the question; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61493/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

2295. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for a certificate of naturalisation granted in each of the years 2020 to 2026 to date, in which a period of residence held under Stamp 0 permission was counted as reckonable residence, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61434/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2296. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents of vehicles travelling against the flow of traffic recorded on the national road network in each of the years 2021 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61474/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2297. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents recorded by An Garda Síochána of a vehicle being driven against the flow of traffic on a motorway; the number of these incidents involving a stolen vehicle, in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61472/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2298. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána who have completed pursuit driving training, by Garda division; whether a member so trained is rostered in each division on each shift; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61471/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2299. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of occasions on which tyre deflation devices were deployed by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61470/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2300. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána trained in the deployment of tyre deflation devices, by Garda division; the number of such devices held in each division; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61465/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2301. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons currently held on remand who have been awaiting trial for more than four months, broken down by prison and offence category.

PQ61382/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2302. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 535 on 7 July 2026, if he has received the relevant information from Garda authorities.

PQ61381/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2303. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the engagement his Department has had with the family of a deceased person (details supplied) in relation to the circumstances of their death; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61451/26 | BARRY WARD

2304. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to advertising by legal and immigration services firms stating that Stamp 0 permission is reckonable for the purposes of naturalisation; if he is satisfied that the guidance published by Immigration Service Delivery, and the online naturalisation residency calculator, which does not include an option for Stamp 0, reflect the operative position; the steps he will take to publish updated guidance on which permissions are reckonable; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61449/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2305. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider granting study visas to Gazan students so they can commence studies in Ireland in September; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60375/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2306. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the strategies he has in place to address the growing problem of shoplifting; the powers a retailer or retail worker has to confront possible shoplifters; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61372/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2307. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the mechanisms through which Dáil Éireann exercises legislative and regulatory oversight of border control, immigration screening and airport entry procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60629/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2308. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the details of the way in which the Irish Prison Service carries out individualised, security risk assessments for individuals upon their committal to prison.

PQ60608/26 | IVANA BACIK

2309. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his current plans to increase the approval rate for visas for students from Gaza who have been granted scholarships in Irish universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60553/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2310. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí assigned to Operation Tombola for each year since its commencement, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60477/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2311. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for naturalisation via Irish association received in the years 2023 to date; the number of which were successful and unsuccessful; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60469/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2312. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications submitted for naturalisation via Irish association which had been received in advance of the introduction of a points based system, which were subsequently adjudicated upon on the basis of said system; the number of which were successful and unsuccessful; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60457/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2313. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reasons Ireland did not join the group of EU Member States that signed a joint letter seeking an emergency meeting on migration pressures relating to Spain's North African territories; the way in which the Government's support for a separate Presidency-led video conference differed in objective, strategy or intended outcome from the proposal contained in the letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60633/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2314. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of visa applications received by his Department from 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by category, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61654/26 | EMER CURRIE

2315. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications received for international protection applicants; the number approved and the number rejected, by year from 2023 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61656/26 | EMER CURRIE

2316. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons refused entry into the State via Shannon Airport in each of the years 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61664/26 | ALAN KELLY

2317. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons refused entry into the State via Dublin Port in each of the years 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61667/26 | ALAN KELLY

2318. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when he last met the Chief Superintendent of Wexford-Wicklow division; and the topics discussed.

PQ61668/26 | ALAN KELLY

2319. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when he last met the Chief Superintendent of Sligo-Leitrim division; and the topics discussed.

PQ61665/26 | ALAN KELLY

2320. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on his Departments efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitments regarding road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61685/26 | EMER CURRIE

2321. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai, by rank, attached to Meath-Westmeath Crime Scene Unit as of 17 August 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61605/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

2322. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reported breaches of barring orders and interim barring orders reported to Gardai in 2025 and 2026 to date; and the Garda division breakdown of these figures, in tabular form.

PQ61604/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

2323. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for International Protection that have been received under each procedure since the International Protection Act 2026 became operational; the numbers therein where decisions have been made to refuse or grant International protection; the number of appeals to those decisions that have been submitted; the number of appeals that have been upheld; and the number outstanding, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61712/26 | MATT CARTHY

2324. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on his Departments efforts to merge the visa and employment permit system into one user-friendly single application procedure supported by a new ICT system; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61688/26 | EMER CURRIE

2325. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on his Departments efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitments regarding community safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61686/26 | EMER CURRIE

2326. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on his Departments efforts to fulfil the Programme for Government commitments regarding migration; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61683/26 | EMER CURRIE

2327. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applicants for International Protection under each procedure who applied since the International Protection Act 2026 became operational that are confirmed to have left the State following refusal of their application, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61713/26 | MATT CARTHY

2328. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications received per visa type, the number approved, the number rejected, from 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61655/26 | EMER CURRIE

2329. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda transfer applications received, approved and implemented; the average and median time taken from receipt of an application to approval; the average and median time taken from approval to implementation; the number of applications currently awaiting a decision; the number approved but awaiting implementation, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61651/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2330. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda members seeking transfers into and out of each Garda Division; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61647/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2331. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of members of An Garda Síochána who currently have active transfer applications; the average waiting time for completion of a transfer application by Garda Division; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61642/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2332. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61639/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2333. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of complaints relating to anti-social behaviour involving e-scooters in DMR west since May 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61627/26 | EMER CURRIE

2334. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to expand capacity within the criminal justice system to deal effectively with youth delinquency; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61626/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2335. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents involving the illegal use of e-scooters reported to An Garda Síochána in DMR west in each of the past three years; the number of fixed penalty notices issued and e-scooters seized during this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61625/26 | EMER CURRIE

2336. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for international protection that have been received under each procedure since the International Protection Act 2026 became operational by nationality and outcome, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61730/26 | MATT CARTHY

2337. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for international protection that have been received under each procedure since the International Protection Act 2026 who presented a valid passport or other recognised travel document when making their application; the number who did not, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61731/26 | MATT CARTHY

2338. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for international protection that have been received under each procedure since the International Protection Act 2026 who entered IP accommodation services upon making their application; the

number that subsequently left that accommodation following determination of their application, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61732/26 | MATT CARTHY

2339. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether consideration has been given to a centralised vetting model or "vetting passport" as a means of reducing duplication and administrative burden on individuals and organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61636/26 | EMER CURRIE

2340. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the key measures taken to tackle crime and improve community safety nationally since January 2025; his priorities for same for the rest of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61633/26 | EMER CURRIE

2341. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the key measures taken to tackle crime and improve community safety in Dublin city centre since January 2025; his priorities for same for the rest of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61631/26 | EMER CURRIE

2342. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application for "Without Condition as to Time" (Stamp 5 permission) submitted on 16 February 2026 by an individual residing in County Longford (details supplied); if he is aware that the individual's prior Stamp 4 permission expired on 15 March 2026, resulting in the loss of their employment; the timeline for the processing team to review the requested documentation covering the past eight years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61630/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

2343. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of any proposals to streamline the Garda vetting process by introducing a system whereby individuals can use a single Garda vetting disclosure across multiple organisations, where appropriate; the measures being considered to reduce duplication in vetting applications; the expected timeline for implementation of any such reforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61736/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

2344. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of any proposals to streamline Garda vetting requirements for early childhood educators by allowing Garda vetting disclosures to be recognised and used across multiple childcare and early learning settings, where appropriate; the measures being taken to reduce the administrative burden on early years educators and childcare providers arising from repeat vetting applications; the expected timeline for implementation of any such reforms; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ61737/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

2345. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the national initiatives, programmes or strategies are currently in place to address male-to-male violence among adolescents and young adults; the bodies responsible for delivering such initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59875/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

2346. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the facilities that he has put in place to carry out biometric testing in third countries for the purposes of the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59708/26 | BARRY WARD

2347. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if, for the purposes of the Humanitarian Admissions Programme 2026, biometric testing can be carried out in a location or by a body other than a diplomatic mission, such as a company (details supplied), who carried out this work on behalf of Ireland and other EU nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59950/26 | BARRY WARD

2348. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the timeframe within which an approved employment permit is notified from the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for the purposes of a visa application; the average time currently taken between employment permit approval and visa processing commencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59584/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

2349. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the role his Department and Ireland's diplomatic and consular services are expected to have in supporting the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme for Ukrainian beneficiaries of Temporary Protection; whether additional demand for travel documentation, consular assistance or liaison with Ukrainian authorities is anticipated; the additional resources may be required; whether provision has been made for these requirements in the 2027 Estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61207/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2350. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment his Department has made of the anticipated workload for immigration service delivery arising from applications under the temporary protection transition scheme; the estimated number of applications expected; the additional staffing and administrative resources required to process the applications; whether additional staff have been recruited or will be recruited in advance of the September 2026 opening of applications; the estimated processing time for applications; and the contingency arrangements in place should application volumes exceed current processing capacity.

PQ61749/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2351. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment his Department has made of the additional administrative and operational resources required to process applications from Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection who opt in to the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme; the staffing, administrative, travel, documentation and reintegration resources required; if additional staff or funding will be provided to ensure that participation can be processed in a timely manner; whether his Department has included these requirements in its 2027 estimates submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61750/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2352. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures in place within the international protection process to identify a person who may be under 18 years of age where that person presents to the State accompanied by an adult who identifies them as a spouse, partner, child or other family member; whether the age, identity and claimed relationship of each person are independently verified where there is reason to doubt the information provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61753/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2353. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of cases from 2021 to 2025 in which a person within the international protection process to identify a person who may be under 18 years of age initially presented as an adult family member was subsequently identified or assessed as being under 18 years of age; and the number of such cases referred for age assessment, Tusla involvement or other child-protection intervention; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61754/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2354. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures used to verify the identity, age and claimed familial relationship of persons who enter or reside in the State on the basis of a claimed relationship to another person (details supplied); whether each person's identity, age and claimed relationship are independently verified; whether his Department records cases in which the claimed relationship is subsequently found to be incorrect, including cases involving claimed spouses or partners and claimed parent-child relationships; if so, the number of such cases from 2021 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61755/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2355. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the assaults perpetrated in Ireland in each of the years 2022 to 2025, where the victim was female; to include the perpetrator's nationality and ethnicity if recorded, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61784/26 | BARRY WARD

2356. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of assaults perpetrated in Ireland in each of the years 2022 to 2025 where the victim was female, to include the victim's nationality and ethnicity if recorded, in tabular form and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61783/26 | BARRY WARD

2357. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of rapes and sexual assaults perpetrated in Ireland in each of the years 2022 to 2025, where the victim was female, to include the perpetrator's nationality and ethnicity if recorded, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61782/26 | BARRY WARD

2358. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of murders perpetrated in Ireland in each of the years 2022 to 2025 where the victim was female, to include the victim's nationality and ethnicity if recorded, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61779/26 | BARRY WARD

2359. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of rapes and sexual assaults perpetrated in Ireland in each of the years 2022 to 2025, where the victim was female, to include the victim's nationality and ethnicity if recorded, in tabular form and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61781/26 | BARRY WARD

2360. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of murders perpetrated in Ireland in each of the years 2022 to 2025; if the victim was female to include the perpetrator's nationality and ethnicity if recorded, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61780/26 | BARRY WARD

2361. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department records the number of protected disclosures referred to An Garda Síochána by Ministers, prescribed persons or public bodies each year; the number of such referrals have been made since the commencement of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022; and whether the subsequent outcomes of those referrals are monitored.

PQ61412/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2362. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 534 on 7 July 2026, if he has received the relevant information from Garda authorities.

PQ61383/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2363. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme for Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection the estimated total cost of operating the programme in 2027, including travel, reintegration assistance; the estimated average cost per participant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61330/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2364. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number who may not meet the minimum income requirement for that scheme; the accommodation options will be available to such persons following the termination of ARP; whether any alternative housing support or transitional financial assistance is being considered for households that cannot secure private accommodation.

PQ61326/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2365. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who have been required to leave, or have otherwise left, State-provided or State-contracted accommodation since January 2022, the number for whom his Department has no recorded accommodation outcome following departure from State-provided accommodation.

PQ61306/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2366. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of persons who presented or were assessed as being under 18 years-of-age and were subsequently determined to be adults, whether any cases in each of the years 2021 to 2025 were identified as involving suspected deliberate misrepresentation of age or identity; the number of such cases referred to An Garda Síochána or another relevant authority for investigation; the number resulting in any legal proceedings; the outcome of any such proceedings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61228/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2367. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons in each of the years 2021 to 2025 who, having presented or been assessed as being under 18 years-of-age in the international protection process, were subsequently determined to be adults; the number of such persons referred to Tusla in each year; the number determined by Tusla not to be eligible for child specific services; the arrangements applied to such persons following that determination, including in relation to accommodation and their continued processing as applicants for international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61223/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2368. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of reported suspected drink-spiking cases in County Kerry and throughout the country; the number that were investigated; the number that were brought before the courts; the number that were convicted in the past five years and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61187/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2369. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the protocols in place where a patient presents at an accident and emergency department with suspected drink-spiking; the reason hospitals do not carry out toxicology testing in these cases; the measures in place to ensure timely Garda statements and preservation of evidence where a victim is incapacitated; if he will commit to establishing a clear national pathway to ensure suspected spiking incidents are treated as crimes, investigated promptly, and supported by appropriate clinical and policing protocols (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61184/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2370. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60572/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2371. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61574/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2372. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60413/26 | NIALL COLLINS

2373. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of student visa applications made to his Department in each year from 2020 to date in 2026; the number of refusals made by applicant country of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61844/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2374. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any initiative that seeks to re-enforce the requirement that passports and any other required travel documents are checked at all ports of entry to the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61839/26 | BARRY WARD

2375. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any work ongoing to ensure that the circumstances that occurred in a case (details supplied) cannot be replicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61838/26 | BARRY WARD

2376. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any work ongoing to address the circumstances of a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61837/26 | BARRY WARD

2377. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the engagement that has taken place with an organisation (details supplied) regarding their publicly stated concerns and calls for specialist pursuit training, a comprehensive pursuit framework and a dedicated professional driving licence for Gardaí carrying out this work.

PQ61834/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

2378. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide data for the Louth/Cavan/Monaghan division for the number of Gardaí who have requested, received and completed any form of pursuit training.

PQ61833/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

2379. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of calls received to the Garda regional control centre from on duty Gardaí seeking consent to pursue mechanically propelled vehicles for the Louth/Cavan/Monaghan division for each of the years 2020 to date in 2026.

PQ61831/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

2380. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether orientation and induction on the laws of the State and expected standards of behaviour is delivered to residents of emergency accommodation centres and emergency reception and orientation centres, as distinct from permanent IPAS centres; and the number of each category of centre currently in operation.

PQ61945/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2381. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the orientation and integration programme provided for under the Comprehensive Accommodation Strategy; the number of international protection applicants who received or completed such a programme in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 and to date in 2026; and the proportion of persons in State-provided accommodation who received orientation on arrival.

PQ61943/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2382. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if any orientation, induction or information materials are provided to international protection applicants on arrival or during their stay in State-provided accommodation setting out the laws of the State and expected standards of behaviour, including in relation to consent, sexual violence, domestic abuse, female genital mutilation, the age of consent, child protection and gender equality; and if such materials will be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas or otherwise published.

PQ61941/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2383. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proposed arrangements that will apply to Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection who apply for the temporary protection transition scheme but are refused; whether such persons will be eligible to participate in the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme; whether eligibility for voluntary return will be automatic (details supplied); the legal status that will apply to a person following refusal; the time available to such persons to regularise their immigration status or make arrangements to leave the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61967/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2384. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme for Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection is expected to commence; the time period it is intended to operate; whether applications will be accepted for a defined period or will remain open-ended; the eligibility criteria and exclusions that will apply; whether persons will be able to apply following refusal of the temporary protection transition scheme; whether a person may avail of the programme more than once; the estimated number of persons expected to participate in 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61968/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2385. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment his Department has made of the risks posed by the use of artificial intelligence to facilitate cyberattacks against Ireland's critical infrastructure; the measures being taken, in conjunction with relevant Departments and agencies, to strengthen the State's cyber-defence capabilities against AI-enabled threats; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61991/26 | PETER ROCHE

2386. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the immigration controls and safeguards that will apply to Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection who avail of the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme and subsequently seek to return to Ireland; whether participation in the programme will result in any period where a person is ineligible to re-enter or obtain immigration permission in the State; if so, the duration and legal basis of such restriction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62002/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2387. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether receipt of reintegration assistance for Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection, who avail of the proposed voluntary return and reintegration programme, will affect future applications for permission to enter or remain in the State; the circumstances that would permit a person who has voluntarily returned under the programme to subsequently reapply for temporary protection or another immigration permission in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62005/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2388. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the total number of persons in each of the years 2023 to 2025 that were convicted of offenses related to the sale of cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61974/26 | BARRY WARD

2389. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the total number of persons in each of the years 2023 to 2025 that were convicted of offenses related to the sale of synthetic cannabinoids; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61973/26 | BARRY WARD

2390. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the total number of persons in each of the years 2023 to 2025 that were convicted of offenses related to the consumption of cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61972/26 | BARRY WARD

2391. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether legislative changes are being considered in relation to parental responsibility for persistent youth offending; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62014/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

2392. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure incurred on the development, translation and delivery of orientation, induction and integration materials and programmes for international protection applicants in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025.

PQ61949/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2393. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the languages in which induction and orientation materials for international protection applicants are made available; the format in which they are provided; and whether receipt or completion of orientation by each resident is recorded.

PQ61947/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2394. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to a case (details supplied); and if he will instruct his Department to address the matter.

PQ62059/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2395. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on a citizens application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62050/26 | SEAN FLEMING

2396. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether consideration has been given to providing international protection applicants with dedicated guidance on the laws of the State concerning consent, sexual violence and domestic abuse, similar to guidance recently published in another jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61952/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2397. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the target processing times his Department has set for naturalisation applications for each of the years 2026 and 2027; the priority afforded to citizenship processing within his Departments work programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62108/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2398. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applicants for naturalisation who have been approved and are awaiting a citizenship ceremony; the number of ceremonies held in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of certificates conferred at each; the average time between an applicant receiving an approval letter and attending a ceremony; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62107/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2399. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of whole-time equivalent staff assigned to the Citizenship Division of Immigration Service Delivery; the number of applications for naturalisation received, in each of the years 2021 to date in 2026; whether he intends to increase that staffing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62106/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2400. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for naturalisation currently awaiting a decision; the number awaiting a decision for more than twelve months and more than twenty-four months respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62105/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2401. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has reviewed parental responsibility laws, parenting orders, parental fines, compensation schemes or welfare-linked sanctions operating in other jurisdictions, including England and Wales, Australia and New Zealand; the findings of any such review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62130/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2402. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if consideration is being given to legislation enabling the courts to impose fines, compensation orders or other financial penalties on parents where a repeat juvenile offender's criminal conduct is linked to a persistent failure of parental supervision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62129/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2403. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of minors convicted of criminal offences on two or more occasions in each of the past five years; the number involved in dangerous driving, unauthorised taking of vehicles, scrambler bike offences, and public order offences; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62128/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2404. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider the introduction of parental responsibility orders, mandatory parenting programmes or other measures to strengthen parental accountability where minors repeatedly engage in criminal or serious anti-social behaviour; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62127/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2405. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will review the process in assessing the student visa applications from students coming from Palestine to take account of the unique difficulties of making an application in that country in the context of war and genocide; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62152/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2406. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the engagement he has had with An Garda Síochána in relation to the societal impact of the sale of cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62018/26 | BARRY WARD

2407. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the engagement he has had with An Garda Síochána in relation to the societal impact of the use of cannabis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62017/26 | BARRY WARD

2408. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the engagement he has had with An Garda Síochána in relation to the societal impact of the sale of synthetic cannabinoids; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62016/26 | BARRY WARD

2409. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the engagement he has had with An Garda Síochána in relation to the societal impact of the use of synthetic cannabinoids; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62015/26 | BARRY WARD

2410. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the total number of persons in each of the years 2023 to 2025 that were convicted of offenses related to the consumption of synthetic cannabinoids; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61971/26 | BARRY WARD

2411. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any engagement he has had with the Garda Commissioner in relation to the high speed pursuit of vehicles driving the wrong way on any road; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61960/26 | BARRY WARD

2412. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will examine the feasibility of introducing a national working with children clearance card, whereby individuals who have successfully completed Garda Vetting would be issued with a secure photographic identification card containing a unique registration number that could be verified by employers and voluntary organisations (details supplied); whether such a system could reduce duplication in repeated Garda Vetting applications for individuals working or volunteering with multiple organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62234/26 | PETER ROCHE

2413. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total annual expenditure incurred by the State in respect of legal representation for applicants for international protection and other immigration-related matters in each year from 2020 to date, including payments made by the Legal Aid Board, the International Protection Appeals Tribunal and for his Department.

PQ62238/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2414. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of occasions in each of the past ten years, by year, that the International Protection Office, the International Protection Appeals Tribunal, the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, An Garda Síochána or any other State agency sought information from the authorities in the United Kingdom to establish whether an applicant for international protection in the State had previously made an asylum or international protection application in the United Kingdom; the number of cases such enquiries confirmed a previous UK application; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62227/26 | MATT CARTHY

2415. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applicants for international protection in the State, by year for each of the past ten years, who were identified as having previously held a visa, residence permission or other immigration status in the United Kingdom; the categories of permission involved, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62223/26 | MATT CARTHY

2416. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applicants for international protection in the State, by year for each of the past ten years, who were identified as having previously sought asylum or international protection in the United Kingdom, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62222/26 | MATT CARTHY

2417. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the Garda helicopter fleet; when the helicopters were first purchased; the number operational; the number of Gardaí and specialists assigned, by rank or level; the number of deployments for the years 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62257/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2418. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if owning a home would satisfy the accommodation requirement under the temporary protection transition scheme; if beneficiaries who secure a mortgage and purchase a home prior to applying for the scheme will be deemed compliant with the accommodation criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62300/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2419. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if beneficiaries of temporary protection residing in modular accommodation at Clonminch may remain in-situ while arranging a mortgage and purchasing a home, provided they vacate the accommodation before formally applying for the temporary protection transition scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62301/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2420. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the guidance issued to local authorities regarding the accommodation requirements for beneficiaries of temporary protection transitioning to independent housing; if this guidance has been communicated to Offaly County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62302/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2421. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí and Garda staff assigned to the Cork city Garda division, and to Mayfield Garda station, as of the latest date available; the equivalent figures for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62330/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2422. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the role of Local Community Safety Partnerships in responding to localised, persistent public disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62335/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2423. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the operational capacity, bed capacity and average daily population of each prison in the State as of the latest available date, in tabular form.

PQ62337/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2424. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the operational capacity, bed capacity and average daily population of each prison in the State as of the latest available date.

PQ62338/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2425. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners accommodated above the official operational capacity in each prison as of the latest available date, in tabular form.

PQ62339/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2426. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners sleeping in temporary accommodation, including bunk beds installed in single occupancy cells, in each prison as of the latest available date, in tabular form.

PQ62340/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2427. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the operational capacity, average daily population and occupancy rate of each women's prison in each of the past five years to date, in tabular form.

PQ62341/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2428. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons under 18 years-of-age held in adult prison facilities, by the reason for their detention in each case, in each of the years from 2020 to date.

PQ62344/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2429. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners released early from custody, broken down by prison, gender and sentence length, in each of the years from 2020 to date, in tabular form.

PQ62346/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2430. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners released early, broken down by offence category (details supplied) in each of the past five years to date, in tabular form.

PQ62348/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2431. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he plans to intervene in relation to Palestinian students who have obtained scholarships to universities in Ireland for this academic year but who have been refused visas to come to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62353/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

2432. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average number of days by which custodial sentences were reduced through early release in each year from 2020 to date, in tabular form.

PQ62356/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2433. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number and percentage of prisoners released early from custody who were subsequently convicted of a further offence within 12, 24 and 36 months of release respectively, in each of the years from 2020 to date in 2026.

PQ62357/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2434. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of prisoners released early from custody who were subsequently returned to prison within 12, 24 and 36 months of release, respectively in tabular form.

PQ62358/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2435. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of offences committed by persons under 18 years-of-age in each of the past five years, by county and offence type.

PQ62362/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2436. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment has been undertaken before assigning Ukrainian families to different counties; if a child's disability and specialist educational needs and ongoing medical treatment are considered as part of that decision; if these families fall within the commitment regarding established HSE care plans and continuity of care; and if not, the reason.

PQ62371/26 | JEN CUMMINS

2437. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if there is a mechanism to request an urgent individual review of the decision to move a Ukrainian family to another county before the transfer takes place; and if additional medical, school and professional evidence can be submitted in support of that review

PQ62376/26 | JEN CUMMINS

2438. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to a stamp 4 visa renewal (details supplied); if the renewal will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62412/26 | BARRY WARD

2439. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing times for Stamp 4 visa renewals, broken down by the applicant's nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62413/26 | BARRY WARD

2440. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average processing times for stamp 4 visa applications, broken down by the applicant's nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62414/26 | BARRY WARD

2441. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is conscious of the impact that the delays in processing stamp 4 visa renewals is having on applicants and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62415/26 | BARRY WARD

2442. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is conscious of the impact that the delays in processing stamp 4 visa applications is having on applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62416/26 | BARRY WARD

2443. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on whether existing staffing levels are sufficient to ensure efficient visa application processing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62417/26 | BARRY WARD

2444. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the steps he is taking to ensure that all visa applications are processed in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62418/26 | BARRY WARD

2445. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department or the International Protection Accommodation Service have assessed, inspected, acquired, leased, contracted or otherwise engaged with the former nursing home (details supplied) in Cork, for use as international protection accommodation; if so, the current status of any such arrangements; the proposed capacity and intended use of the premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62426/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2446. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of those in IPAS granted working permission and access to the labour market that have entered employment within twelve months of receiving the permission.

PQ62495/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2447. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of international protection applicants making PRSI contributions in each year since 2020.

PQ62494/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2448. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of international protection applicants registered for PAYE employment in each year from 2020 to date in 2026.

PQ62493/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2449. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the age, sex, year of death and recorded cause of death of each person who died while resident in direct provision or IPAS accommodation since 2002, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62480/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2450. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of residents under the age of 18 years-of-age who died while living in direct provision or IPAS accommodation since 2002, by age, year of death, accommodation centre, and cause of death.

PQ62478/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2451. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the number of applications for naturalisation currently being processed; the expected average waiting period for a person applying for naturalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62431/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2452. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the total number of breakouts or escapes from the Irish prison system prior to the establishment of the Irish Prison service in 1999, by incident and location; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62457/26 | BARRY WARD

2453. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of breakouts or escapes from the Irish prison system since the establishment of the Irish Prison Service in 1999, by incident and location; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62456/26 | BARRY WARD

2454. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of all of the community dialogue events being arranged by his community engagement team; to provide the full list of participants and invitees to the community dialogue event in Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62539/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2455. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount spent by his Department, the International Protection Accommodation Services, and any State agency under his remit on security services at international protection accommodation centres in each of the past ten years; the companies that received such payments in each year; and the amount paid to each company annually.

PQ62527/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2456. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the basis on which community groups and residents from Dundrum, County Tipperary, were excluded from participation in the Community Dialogue Programme meeting due to take place in Tipperary on 7 September 2026; the eligibility criteria applied in determining participation; whether participation is restricted solely to organisations affiliated with the Public Participation Network (PPN); if so, where such a restriction is set out in his Department's published information; who made the decision to exclude non-PPN-affiliated community groups and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62525/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2457. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed charge notices issued for speeding using the static safety camera at Crumlin Road, Dolphin's Barn in Dublin in each month from August 2025 to July 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62524/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2458. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the contract for the provision of IPAS accommodation at a facility (details supplied); whether the contract review has concluded; the date on which the current contract expires; whether a decision has been made regarding its renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62593/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2459. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of an application for compensation under the Stardust redress scheme in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62590/26 | GARY GANNON

2460. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will cease the contract with a facility (details supplied) for IPAS Accommodation following the decision of An Coimisiún Pleanála; when will a final decision will be made on the contract at this property; the status of his Department's review into this contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62589/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2461. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any complaints have been received by IPAS, the accommodation provider or his Department relating to waste management, litter, vermin, environmental health or public health issues associated with the operation of the IPAS accommodation centre at a facility (details supplied) since 1 January 2026; the actions that have been taken in response to any such complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62605/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2462. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the projected accommodation profile for future residents proposed to be accommodated at a facility (details supplied); whether it is intended that future placements will consist primarily of single adult males, single adult females, families, families with children, or a combination thereof; the anticipated nationality or countries of origin of those proposed future residents; whether any change in the resident profile is envisaged as part of any contract renewal or revised accommodation arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62603/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2463. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current breakdown of accommodation profile of residents accommodated at a facility (details supplied); whether current placements consist primarily of single adult males, single adult females, families, families with children, or a combination thereof; the nationality or countries of origin of those proposed future residents; whether any change in the resident profile is envisaged as part of any contract renewal or revised accommodation arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62602/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2464. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current breakdown of residents accommodated at a facility (details supplied) by category, including the number of single adult males, single adult females, families and children and their nationality; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62600/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2465. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the assessment that has been undertaken of the impact of the IPAS accommodation centre at a facility (details supplied), on local services and infrastructure, including healthcare, policing, education and community services; the engagement that has taken place with local stakeholders regarding any increase in occupancy at the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62599/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2466. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of inspections carried out by officials of his Department or IPAS at a facility (details supplied) since 1 January 2026; whether any issues relating to security, health and safety, management, safeguarding or contractual compliance were identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62598/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2467. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current processing time for an application type (details supplied); the number of applications currently in processing for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62620/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

2468. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the security arrangements currently in place at the IPAS accommodation centre at a facility (details supplied); whether private security personnel are employed at the facility; whether residents are undertaking any security, gate management or access-control functions; whether such practices are permitted under department contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62596/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2469. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of international protection applicants accommodated at a facility (details supplied); the maximum contracted capacity of the facility; the number of arrivals accommodated there since 1 May 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62595/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2470. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional Garda cars and vans added to each Garda district within the Dublin Region to-date in 2026; the number of Garda cars and vans withdrawn from each district during same period, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62576/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2471. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2312 on 28 July, if he has received the relevant information from Garda Authorities required to provide an answer to this question; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62567/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2472. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of fixed charge notices, prosecutions or other enforcement actions taken in respect of e-bike users and e-scooter users failing to comply with traffic lights in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by category of road user and Garda division where available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62566/26 | GARY GANNON

2473. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether there is currently a limit or operational target of approximately 25 Stardust compensation/redress payments per week; if so, the reason for this level of processing; the number of outstanding eligible applicants; the projected date by which all applications currently received will have been assessed and paid; whether he considers the current rate of processing acceptable given the age of many of those affected and the length of time that Stardust survivors and families have already waited for redress; and the measures being taken to expedite outstanding applications and payments.

PQ62563/26 | GARY GANNON

2474. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications currently awaiting assessment and payment under the Stardust compensation/redress arrangements; the number of applications being processed and paid each week; the average and median period between receipt of a completed application and payment; the number of applications received, approved and paid to date in 2026; whether applicants are currently being provided with an estimated timeframe for the processing of their individual applications; and whether he is aware of difficulties being experienced by applicants.

PQ62562/26 | GARY GANNON

2475. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the movement of responsibility of the MUDS Act to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

PQ62556/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2476. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the categories of personnel who will have access to the real-time location data of monitored individuals; the safeguards in place to prevent unauthorised access to or disclosure of that data; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62438/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2477. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the cyber security standards and independent security certifications required of the provider of the electronic monitoring service; whether penetration testing or independent security auditing of the devices and monitoring systems has been or will be carried out; and if he will make a statement will be made on the matter.

PQ62436/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2478. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether a data protection impact assessment has been completed in respect of the electronic monitoring pilot; the location in which the personal data generated by the monitoring devices will be stored and processed; whether all such data will be hosted within the State or the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62435/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2479. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for a full breakdown of the costs associated with the electronic monitoring pilot, including the cost per device, monitoring and staffing costs, and any set-up or infrastructure costs; the number of devices to be procured; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62434/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2480. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the name of the company or companies awarded the contract for the electronic monitoring pilot; the total value of the contract; the commencement date and duration; whether any option to extend exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62433/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2481. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procurement process used to award the contract for the electronic monitoring pilot; whether the contract was awarded following an open competitive tender; the number of tenders or expressions of interest received; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62432/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2482. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the engagement he has had with the Irish Prison Service in relation to protocol in the event of a prisoner escape or attempted escape; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62458/26 | BARRY WARD

2483. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the contingency arrangements in place to ensure continuity of monitoring and preservation of data of the electronic monitoring service in the event that the service provider fails to deliver the service or the contract transfers to another provider; whether his Department has examined failures in electronic monitoring systems in other jurisdictions, including the loss of location data during a change of contractor in Spain, in designing these safeguards; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62439/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2484. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific statutory provisions under which the electronic monitoring pilot will operate; whether section 11 of the Criminal Justice Act 2007, providing for the electronic monitoring of certain persons admitted to bail, will be commenced for the purposes of the pilot; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62440/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2485. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific categories of individuals who will be eligible for electronic monitoring under the pilot electronic monitoring service; the criteria and risk assessment process that will determine suitability; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62441/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2486. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the arrangements for independent oversight and evaluation of the electronic monitoring pilot; the metrics against which the success of the pilot will be measured; when an evaluation report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62442/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2487. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of a stamp 4 immigration permission renewal application for a person (details supplied); the reason for any delay in processing the application; when a decision is expected to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62716/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2488. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of a stamp 4 immigration permission renewal application for a person (details supplied); the reason for any delay in processing the application; when a decision is expected to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62717/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2489. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on whether the new financial threshold for non-EEA family reunification visas is discriminatory against a person in receipt of carer's allowance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62719/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2490. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measures being taken to address lengthy Garda vetting delays for childcare workers, which providers report are contributing to staffing shortages and room closures; whether consideration is being given to a transferable vetting system for childcare employees moving between services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62139/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2491. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will consider reviewing the family reunification rights for healthcare assistants and home care assistants who have completed two years of lawful full-time employment in Ireland in order that they can access family reunification rights similar to those available to critical skills employment permit holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62740/26 | JOE COONEY

2492. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the country of birth of each prisoner in the Irish Prison Service, by violent crime and nonviolent crime offences.

PQ62739/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2493. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2333 of 28 July 2026, if his Department has received the information sought by An Garda Síochána.

PQ62509/26 | TOM BRABAZON

2494. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of Ireland's transposition of Directive (EU) 2022/2555 (the NIS2 Directive); the reasons for the delay in fully transposing the Directive, given that the deadline for transposition was 17 October 2024; whether Ireland is now facing financial penalties arising from this delay; the potential level of any lump-sum or daily financial penalties that may be imposed on the State; when the National Cyber Security Bill 2024 will be published and enacted to give full effect to the Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62443/26 | CATHAL CROWE

2495. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current legislative position regarding the sale, supply and possession of nitrous oxide for recreational or intoxicating use (details supplied); if he has examined the legislative approach taken in other jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, in addressing the misuse of nitrous oxide; if additional legislation or enforcement measures are currently being considered here; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62326/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

2496. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 12569/26, the expected timeline for the legislative transposition of the NIS2 Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62759/26 | MATT CARTHY

2497. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the supports available in cases in which a solicitor has identified arguable grounds for judicial review of IPAT decisions but the applicant lacks the means to pursue the case.

PQ62795/26 | EAMON SCANLON

2498. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the supports in place from the State for companies and organisations to ensure the implementation of the NIS2 Directive.

PQ60482/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2499. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if it is intended to carry out a public information campaign on the implementation of the NIS2 Directive.

PQ60487/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2500. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the country of birth of each person convicted of a crime for each of the last 10 years; to detail these figures separately for violent crime and nonviolent crime.

PQ62854/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2501. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the reasons return orders might not be executed within the statutory timeframe when issued.

PQ62808/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2502. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to outline the costs incurred by the Department of contesting appeals against return orders that are then not actioned, in each of the last five years.

PQ62807/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2503. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of return orders issued by his Department that have not been actioned, in each of the last five years, within the legal timeframe.

PQ62806/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2504. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason biometric data of migrants is currently not shared with authorities in Britain' and his plans to address this.

PQ62804/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2505. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of a Stamp 4 immigration permission renewal application for a person (details supplied); the reason for any delay in processing the application; when a decision is expected to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62904/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2506. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with regards to the MUDS Act, should a resident wish to resolve a legal matter with a management company, the options that are available to them; if non-legal methods of mediation can first be pursued before bringing the matter to the Circuit Court.

PQ62915/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2507. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with regards to the MUDS Act, does a management need a sinking fund and the way in which this is this calculated.

PQ62913/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2508. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration with regards to the MUDS Act, does a management company have to hold fire insurance for a full development.

PQ62912/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

2509. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update and a timeline on the implementation framework for legal aid reforms following on from the Frank Clarke Civil Legal Aid Income Limits and Independent Review Group Report; and if he will outline when the income threshold for legal aid will be increased in line with the report recommendations.

PQ62908/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

2510. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department can provide an update on the IRP renewal application of a person (details supplied); and if the necessary correspondence has been issued to the applicant as detailed in the attached response.

PQ62935/26 | ROBERT TROY

2511. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department is aware of recent UK Government measures providing information to persons entering the United Kingdom concerning the law relating to violence and sexual abuse; whether any such material has been reviewed by his Department; and if so, the outcome of that review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62999/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2512. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he will examine the approach taken by the UK Government in providing information on laws protecting women and children from sexual violence to persons entering that jurisdiction; and whether he will report on whether a similar approach would be appropriate in Ireland.

PQ62998/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2513. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether it is Government policy that persons entering Ireland should be clearly informed that sexual assault, rape and sexual abuse of children are unlawful and unacceptable; and if so, the way in which that policy is communicated to persons entering the State.

PQ62997/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2514. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration where the former IPAS residents at a location (details supplied) have been or are being relocated to; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62974/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2515. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the action he is taking to reduce the waiting time for long stay (D) visa applicants to support those working and living in Ireland, especially in the healthcare sector so their family can join them here in Ireland and keeping these vital workers in the country.

PQ62963/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

2516. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62947/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2517. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to set out the research, data analysis or evidence base relied upon by the Department in designing the fee structure of the revised criminal legal aid scheme introduced on 1 July 2026, in particular in respect of cases involving multiple separate charges listed on the same day and cases of extended duration; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63107/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2518. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of meetings that have taken place between his Department and representatives of the criminal defence profession, including the Law Society of Ireland, regarding the revised criminal legal aid scheme since 1 July 2026; the dates of those meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63106/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2519. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has issued a substantive response to the correspondence received from the Law Society of Ireland dated 31 July 2026 and 24 August 2026 concerning the operation of the revised criminal legal aid scheme; the date on which such a response issued or is expected to issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63105/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2520. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Department is monitoring the number of solicitors participating in the revised criminal legal aid scheme since 1 July 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63114/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2521. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to set out the terms of reference and the expected completion date of the review of the criminal legal aid scheme announced by the Department; whether interim adjustments to the scheme will be considered pending the outcome of that review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63113/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2522. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62985/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2523. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding Ireland's preparedness for a significant cyber-attack on any Government Department or institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63031/26 | BARRY WARD

2524. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his plans to review the civil legal aid scheme; if he will consider increasing the income thresholds to facilitate equal access to justice for low-income families; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63168/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2525. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total cost of all removal and charter flight operations conducted on grounds of criminality up to the end of July 2026, including operations for which invoicing was previously described as incomplete; and the amount reclaimed or expected to be reclaimed under the EU Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

PQ63167/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2526. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the mechanisms in place at the State's borders to detect and prevent the re-entry of persons subject to an exclusion order or re-entry ban; and the number of attempted or actual re-entries by such persons that have been detected to date.

PQ63166/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2527. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the average time elapsed between the completion of a custodial sentence and the enforcement of a removal or deportation order in respect of persons removed on grounds of criminality in 2026; and the number of such persons who were released from custody into the community before their removal was effected.

PQ63165/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2528. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of cars allocated to each Garda district, by district and station, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63203/26 | EMER CURRIE

2529. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a full and current update on the proposed new Dublin Family Courts complex at Hammond Lane, Smithfield; the present status of the project; the current stage of procurement; the anticipated contract award date; the confirmed or anticipated date for construction to commence; the estimated completion and opening date; the current estimated total cost; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ63298/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2530. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the formal consultation Cuan has undertaken directly with victims and survivors of domestic violence; the number of victims and survivors participated; the specific policy or service changes resulted from that consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63297/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2531. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional domestic violence refuge and emergency accommodation spaces that have become fully operational since Cuan was established; the number of spaces available when Cuan commenced;

the number available currently; the number currently under development; the expected opening date of each planned facility, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63296/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2532. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific additional services for victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence, since the establishment of Cuan that have become fully operational, as distinct from services that have been announced, planned or funded but have not yet commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63295/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2533. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of cases since 7 April 2025 in which the possible revocation of a naturalised Irish citizen's citizenship has been considered; the number in which the person had a criminal conviction; the number involving national security concerns; the number in which a notice of intention to revoke was issued; the number in which citizenship was revoked the number in which a revocation decision was subsequently overturned by a committee of inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63286/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2534. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in respect of each revocation of a certificate of naturalisation under section 19 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 during the past ten years, the number arising from fraud, misrepresentation or concealment of material facts, an overt act demonstrating failure of fidelity to the nation and loyalty to the State, failure to meet the statutory residence requirements, by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63285/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2535. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of naturalised Irish citizens since 7 April 2025 who have been considered for revocation of citizenship on the basis that their conduct constituted an overt act demonstrating a failure of fidelity to the nation and loyalty to the State or otherwise constituted a serious threat to the State; the outcome of each such case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63284/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2536. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of naturalised Irish citizens whose citizenship has been considered for revocation since the revocation procedure was reinstated on 7 April 2025; the number of cases involving criminal offending the number involving national security concerns; the number in which revocation proceedings were commenced; the number in which citizenship was ultimately revoked; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63283/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2537. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number of Gardaí attached to Blanchardstown Garda Station; the current number of Gardaí in the K district as a whole; the number of Community Gardaí assigned to Blanchardstown Garda Station; and to indicate comparable figures for each year between 2021 and 2025 inclusive.

PQ63302/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

2538. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of Gardaí in each Kildare garda station who have successfully completed the pursuit driving courses in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63310/26 | MARK WALL

2539. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63327/26 | NIALL COLLINS

2540. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to request his Department to examine a case (details supplied).

PQ63336/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2541. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63355/26 | GED NASH

2542. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department is considering any changes in the current residency requirements for eligibility to apply for naturalisation; if any consideration is being given to decreasing the required eligibility period for serving members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63364/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

2543. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons who acquired Irish citizenship by naturalisation and who have subsequently been convicted of serious criminal offences, including offences involving firearms, terrorism, terrorism-related activity or organised crime, in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026; the number of such persons whose Irish citizenship was subsequently revoked; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63282/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2544. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the performance indicators used to assess whether the establishment of Cuan has improved access to accommodation, advocacy, protection and specialist supports for victims and survivors; the performance against each indicator to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63418/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2545. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specialist domestic violence services funded or overseen by Cuan that are available on a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63417/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2546. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of victims and survivors who accessed domestic violence services funded by Cuan in each year since its establishment; the number who could not be accommodated or provided with the service sought due to capacity constraints, broken down by service type and year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63415/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2547. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total funding allocated to Cuan in each year since its establishment; the amount expended in each year; the amount provided directly to frontline services for victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63413/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2548. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the targets and deliverables set for Cuan since its establishment; the targets achieved in full, partially achieved and outstanding; the original and current delivery date for each outstanding target, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63412/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2549. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the counties that currently have no dedicated domestic violence refuge accommodation; the plans for the provision of appropriate accommodation in each such county; the expected delivery date in each case, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63411/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2550. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional domestic violence refuge and emergency accommodation spaces that have become operational since the establishment of Cuan; the number available when Cuan commenced and currently; the number under development; the expected opening date of each planned facility, broken down by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63410/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2551. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the additional services for victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence that have become operational since the establishment of Cuan, distinguishing these from services that have been announced, planned or funded but are not yet operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63409/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2552. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the estimated cost in 2027 if 270 recruit prison officers were recruited into Irish Prison Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63407/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

2553. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí within Kildare-Carlow Division that undertook the Refresher Public Order Course in the years of 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63406/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

2554. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measurable performance indicators being used to determine whether the establishment of Cuan has resulted in victims receiving faster access to protection, accommodation, advocacy and other specialist supports.

PQ63384/26 | EMER CURRIE

2555. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of victims and survivors in Dublin West have accessed Cuan-funded domestic violence services in each year since its establishment; the way in which this compares with the equivalent figures before Cuan was established.

PQ63383/26 | EMER CURRIE

2556. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional domestic violence refuge and emergency accommodation spaces have become fully operational in Dublin West since Cuan was established; to provide a county-by-county breakdown showing the number of spaces available when Cuan commenced; the number available today; the number currently under development; and the expected opening date of each planned facility, in tabular form.

PQ63382/26 | EMER CURRIE

2557. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of outgoing transfer requests made to Italy and Greece under Regulation (EU) No. 604/2013 in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number accepted, refused and completed; the reasons accepted transfers were not completed; the action being taken where transfers cannot be carried out; whether Article 3(2) or relevant provisions of the EU Asylum and Migration Management Regulation have been considered in such cases, by country and year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63381/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2558. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of outgoing transfer requests made under Regulation (EU) No. 604/2013 in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number accepted, refused and completed; if he will provide a breakdown by Member State and year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63380/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2559. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the plans in place to address significant overcrowding and capacity pressures across the prison system; whether consideration is being given to the construction of a new prison or other significant expansion of prison capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63376/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2560. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department has carried out an assessment of the short and long-term impact of limited capacity and overcrowding across the prison system; the measures being taken to address these pressures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63375/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2561. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on any planned reviews of the National Vetting Bureau Acts, specifically regarding the feasibility of digital vetting portability and transferable profiles for volunteers.

PQ63367/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

2562. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff, whole-time equivalents in An Garda Síochána and the Irish Prison Service in June 2016 and June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63441/26 | GED NASH

2563. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63457/26 | GED NASH

2564. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he has examined obligations for sellers of homes regarding the possible presence of asbestos; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62659/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

2565. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he or his Department has ever examined obligations for sellers of homes regarding the possible presence of asbestos; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62622/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

2566. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of the commitment given at the outset of the Rapid Build programme that modular units would be offered to the relevant local authority for social housing after three years of use; and how that commitment is being applied to the Ballinure Way, Mahon, Cork city, and Charleville, County Cork, sites specifically.

PQ60615/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2567. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any flexibility that can be applied for the requirement to have an active third country visa under the process for Afghan citizens (details supplied) applying under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62857/26 | BARRY WARD

2568. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional domestic violence refuge and emergency accommodation spaces have become fully operational since Cuan was established; to provide a county-by-county breakdown showing the number of spaces available when Cuan commenced; the number available today; the number currently under development; and the expected opening date of each planned facility.

PQ63507/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2569. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to urgently address issues raised (details supplied) in relation to garda Vetting turnaround times (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63506/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2570. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a full and current update on the proposed new Dublin Family Courts complex at Hammond Lane, Smithfield (details supplied).

PQ63503/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2571. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration where Cuan targets have not been achieved, the reason for the delay; and the person or body responsible for delivery and the revised completion date.

PQ63501/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2572. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the independent evaluation has been undertaken, or is planned, to establish whether Cuan is delivering improved outcomes for victims and survivors; and to publish the findings.

PQ63500/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2573. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a comparison showing what services and capacity existed immediately before Cuan was established; and the additional services and capacity exist today as a direct result of Cuan's work.

PQ63499/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2574. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the targets and deliverables were established for Cuan from its commencement to the present date; which have been achieved in full; which have been partially achieved; and which remain outstanding.

PQ63498/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2575. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the formal consultation that Cuan has undertaken directly with victims and survivors of domestic violence; the number of victims and survivors that participated; and the specific policy or service changes resulted from that consultation.

PQ63497/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2576. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measurable performance indicators that are being used to determine whether the establishment of Cuan has resulted in victims receiving faster access to protection, accommodation, advocacy and other specialist supports.

PQ63494/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2577. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of victims and survivors have accessed Cuan-funded domestic violence services in each year since its establishment; and the way this compares with the equivalent figures before Cuan was established.

PQ63493/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2578. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total budget Cuan in each year since its establishment was; the amount drawn down in each year; and the amount of that expenditure that went directly to services for victims and survivors.

PQ63491/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2579. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of counties currently have no dedicated domestic violence refuge accommodation; and the timeframe for providing appropriate services in each of those counties.

PQ63490/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2580. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional domestic violence refuge and emergency accommodation spaces have become fully operational since Cuan was established; to provide a county-by-county breakdown of the number of spaces available when Cuan commenced; the number available today; the number currently under development; the expected opening date of each planned facility.

PQ63489/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2581. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration since the establishment of Cuan, the specific additional services for victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence have become fully operational, as distinct from services that have been announced, planned or funded but have not yet commenced.

PQ63488/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

2582. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of counties currently have no dedicated domestic violence refuge accommodation; and the timeframe for providing appropriate services in each of those counties.

PQ63508/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2583. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Cuan's total budget in each year since its establishment; and the number that was actually expended in each year.

PQ63509/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2584. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measurable performance indicators being used to determine whether the establishment of Cuan has resulted in victims receiving faster access to protection, accommodation, advocacy and other specialist support.

PQ63512/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2585. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of victims and survivors that have accessed Cuan-funded domestic violence services in each year since its establishment; and the way in which this compare with the equivalent figures before Cuan was established.

PQ63511/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2586. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the independent evaluation that has been undertaken, or is planned, to establish whether Cuan is delivering improved outcomes for victims and survivors; to publish the findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63545/26 | BARRY WARD

2587. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide a comparison showing what services and capacity existed immediately before Cuan was established; the additional services and capacity exist today as a direct result of Cuan's work; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63544/26 | BARRY WARD

2588. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding what targets and deliverables were established for Cuan from its commencement to the present date; which have been achieved in full; which have been partially achieved; which remain outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63543/26 | BARRY WARD

2589. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding any formal consultation that Cuan has undertaken directly with victims and survivors of domestic violence, how many victims and survivors participated; the specific policy or service changes resulted from that consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63542/26 | BARRY WARD

2590. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the services funded or overseen by Cuan that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63540/26 | BARRY WARD

2591. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the measurable performance indicators that are being used to determine whether the establishment of Cuan has resulted in victims receiving faster access to protection, accommodation, advocacy and other specialist supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63539/26 | BARRY WARD

2592. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of victims and survivors that have accessed Cuan-funded domestic violence services in each year since its establishment, how this compares with the equivalent figures before Cuan was established; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63538/26 | BARRY WARD

2593. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Cuan's total budget in each year since its establishment; the amount that was actually expended in each year; and the amount of that expenditure that went directly to frontline services for victims and survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63536/26 | BARRY WARD

2594. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of counties currently have no dedicated domestic violence refuge accommodation, the timeframe for providing appropriate services in each of those counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63535/26 | BARRY WARD

2595. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the number of additional domestic violence refuge and emergency accommodation spaces have become fully operational since Cuan was established; if he will provide a county-by-county breakdown showing the number of spaces available when Cuan commenced; the number available today; the number currently under development; and the expected opening date of each planned facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63534/26 | BARRY WARD

2596. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration since the establishment of Cuan, the specific additional services for victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence have become fully operational, as distinct from services that have been announced, planned or funded but have not yet commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63533/26 | BARRY WARD

2597. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the proposed Dublin Family Courts complex at Hammond Lane, Smithfield, including the present status of the project; the current stage of procurement; the anticipated contract award date; the confirmed or anticipated date for construction to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63546/26 | BARRY WARD

2598. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of instances in each of the past five years in which passengers arriving at Irish airports entered the State without passport inspection due to operational, staffing or other issues, broken down by airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63659/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2599. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the immigration and passport control arrangements were in place at Kerry Airport on 28 August 2026; whether immigration officers were on duty during the arrival of a flight (details supplied) from Frankfurt Hahn; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63658/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2600. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the case of a family (details supplied); the individual assessment that was undertaken; whether one child's disability, specialist education and accessibility requirements were considered in allocating this location; whether another child's ongoing medical treatment was considered; whether this family falls within the his stated commitment regarding those living under temporary protection with established HSE care plans to remain in the relevant community health organisation area for continuity of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63641/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

2601. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if it is standard procedure for passengers arriving at Kerry Airport on flights originating from Germany or other non-Common Travel Area jurisdictions to leave the airport without passport inspection; and if he will outline the procedures that apply in such cases.

PQ63657/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of an incident at Kerry Airport on 28 August 2026 whereby arriving passengers exited the airport without undergoing passport or immigration checks (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63656/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2603. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if a person (details supplied) is due to be deported following their release from prison on 17 September 2026.

PQ63665/26 | MATT CARTHY

2604. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will meet with a person (details supplied).

PQ63663/26 | MATT CARTHY

2605. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of criminal cases which commenced in the District Courts (excluding appeals) prior to 2016 and on a year-by-year basis from 2016 to 2025 that have not yet been completed in the courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63593/26 | SEAN FLEMING

2606. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the proposed changes to citizenship residency rules from five years to eight will come into place; whether these rules will apply to only new entrants into the country; if his Department is considering a grandfather residency clause for people already living and working in Ireland at least three years or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63583/26 | MARK WALL

2607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the breakdown, by Garda division of the number of Gardaí assigned to roads policing; the number assigned to the Garda National Roads Policing Bureau and any central roads policing units (details supplied); and the corresponding figures for each of the past five years, in tabular form.

PQ63708/26 | EMER CURRIE

2608. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of cars allocated to each Garda district, broken down by station, in tabular form.

PQ63710/26 | EMER CURRIE

2609. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of bikes allocated to each Garda district, broken down by station, in tabular form.

PQ63709/26 | EMER CURRIE

2610. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí transferred out of the Galway division to date in 2026; the districts and stations these Gardaí were removed from as part of these transfers; and the division they were transferred to.

PQ63825/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2611. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardaí transferred into the Galway division so far in 2026; and the districts and stations these Gardaí were assigned to as part of these transfers.

PQ63822/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2612. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Garda graduates allocated to each Garda division in each round of attestation to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63818/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2613. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on his meeting on 19 July 2026 to discuss the new Garda station at Northern Cross; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61402/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

2614. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the Community Safety Fund recipients for 2026 will be announced; and to outline the funding timetable.

PQ63862/26 | MARK WARD

2615. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 2297 of 28 July 2026, if he will give consideration to a proposal (details supplied).

PQ63801/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

2616. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the measurable performance indicators being used to determine whether the establishment of Cuan has resulted in victims receiving faster access to protection, accommodation, advocacy and other specialist supports.

PQ63784/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2617. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of counties that currently have no dedicated domestic violence refuge accommodation; and the timeframe for providing appropriate services in each of those counties.

PQ63781/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2618. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional domestic violence refuge and emergency accommodation spaces that have become fully operational since Cuan was established; and if he will provide a county-by-county breakdown showing the number of spaces available when Cuan commenced; the number available today; the number currently under development; and the expected opening date of each planned facility.

PQ63779/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2619. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific additional services for victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence that have become fully operational, as distinct from services that have been announced, planned or funded but have not yet commenced, since the establishment of Cuan.

PQ63777/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2620. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of additional domestic violence refuge and emergency accommodation spaces that have become fully operational in County Clare since Cuan was established; the number of spaces available when Cuan commenced; the number available currently; the number currently under development; and the expected opening date of any planned facility.

PQ63871/26 | JOE COONEY

2621. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the specific additional services for victims and survivors of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence that have become fully operational in County Clare since the establishment of Cuan.

PQ63870/26 | JOE COONEY

2622. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of incidents of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence that have been reported to the Gardaí in County Clare in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and the number of prosecutions that have resulted from these reports.

PQ63869/26 | JOE COONEY

2623. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 494 on 14 July 2026, if he has received the necessary information from Garda Authorities to answer this PQ.

PQ63724/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

2624. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form.

PQ63889/26 | JOE NEVILLE

2625. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63896/26 | NIALL COLLINS

2626. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to correspondence from this Deputy, if he has reviewed the continued operation of the IPAS contract at a location (details supplied) following the determination by An Coimisiún Pleanála that the change of use constitutes development and is not exempted development; if he is satisfied that continued State funding of the facility is appropriate in these circumstances; and if he will now consider terminating the contract.

PQ63903/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

2627. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total cost to the State to date of the interim arrangement for the provision of coronial post-mortems at University Hospital Waterford by locum pathologists sourced from the UK; the breakdown of costs relating to professional fees, flights, accommodation, transport and agency or contractual charges; and the projected annual cost if the arrangement continues.

PQ63901/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

2628. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether Attenti technology, hardware, software or technical services form any part of the Irish Electronic Monitoring Managed Service contract; the location in which data generated by the service will be processed and stored; and the supply-chain, data-protection and ethical due diligence undertaken before the contract was awarded.

PQ63676/26 | GARY GANNON

2629. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether exemptions will apply to residents of the North of Ireland under the new travel arrangements due to come into effect on 28 September 2026; the categories of persons who will be exempt; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ63577/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

2630. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will intervene following a decision (details supplied) to require all passengers travelling between Ireland and Great Britain to present a valid passport from 28 September 2026 due to changes being introduced to comply with UK Border Force data requirements; whether he has received legal advice on whether this requirement is compatible with the Common Travel Area Agreement; and if he will make a statement on this matter.

PQ63576/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

2631. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the mechanism available for a minor Irish citizen and their mother (details supplied) to assert their rights of residency under article 20 TFEU in Ireland.

PQ63987/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

2632. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of EU and non-EU citizens currently imprisoned in Ireland; if any EU citizens have been removed directly from prison custody in Ireland pursuant to 'S.I. No. 548/2015 - European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015; and whether any non-EU have been deported from prison custody from 2020-2025.

PQ63972/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2633. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Irish, EU and non-EU citizens currently held at a designated centre as defined in section 3 of the Criminal Law (Insanity) Act 2006 within the State, and from 2020-2025; if any EU citizens have been removed from these designated centres pursuant to 'S.I. No. 548/2015 - European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015; and whether any non-EU citizens have been deported from these designated centres from 2020-2025.

PQ63971/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2634. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proposals there are to roll out new CCTV schemes in Cavan and Monaghan in view of the value of these schemes in strengthening local crime prevention and community safety.

PQ63966/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2635. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proposals to intensify cross-Border collaboration to deal with criminality with particular reference to the increasing prevalence of illegal drugs throughout the Island.

PQ63965/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2636. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the proposals to establish new youth diversion projects in Cavan and Monaghan.

PQ63964/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2637. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of any outstanding processes relating to the Immigrant Investor Programme which are affecting the transfer of a school (details supplied) to the Department of Education and Youth; and when those processes are expected to conclude.

PQ63949/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2638. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visa applications received from Palestinian nationals who have secured places in Irish higher education institutions for the current and upcoming academic years; the number approved, refused and pending; whether any measures are in place to expedite applications from students offered places in Irish colleges and universities; and if he will consider flexibility in documentation requirements where applicants are unable to obtain records due to the conflict in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

PQ63947/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2639. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the mechanisms in place to accommodate Irish citizens who do not have a passport in terms of travel to the UK by ferry following the decision to amend travel requirements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64022/26 | BARRY WARD

2640. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on whether changes to passport check requirements (detail supplied) impacts on the common travel area policy between Ireland and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64019/26 | BARRY WARD

2641. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reasons for the current delays in individuals applying for GNIB cards.

PQ64053/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

2642. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of orders imposed in each of the last three years under section 113(2) of the Children Act 2001 requiring the payment of compensation or the imposition of a parental supervision order where a wilful failure to control the child contributed to the offending; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64050/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2643. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the engagement he has had with his counterpart in the UK in terms of the decision to amend travel document requirements for those travelling by ferry between Ireland and the UK (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64029/26 | BARRY WARD

2644. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of Gardai assigned to roads policing units in July 2026, by garda division; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64104/26 | EMER CURRIE

2645. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of scrambler bikes seized by Gardai under the Road Traffic (Control of Certain Vehicles) Regulations 2026 known as 'Grace's Law'; and the number returned on payment of a fine.

PQ64105/26 | EMER CURRIE

2646. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the mechanisms in place to accommodate Irish citizens who do not have a passport in terms of travel to the UK by ferry following the decision to amend travel requirements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64023/26 | BARRY WARD

2647. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the decision on the future use of 654 rapid-build housing units (details supplied); following the conclusion of their current use, to confirm if the units will be transferred to local authority housing stock, made available for allocation to households on local authority social housing waiting lists, or for other forms of housing provision; whether his Department assessed the suitability of these units for long-term social housing use; when the Government will make a final decision on the future ownership, management and allocation of these units; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61752/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2648. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the rapid-build modular housing sites at Ballinure Way, Mahon, Cork city, and at Charleville, County Cork, are to be transferred to Cork City Council and Cork County Council respectively for social housing use; and the timeline for any such transfer.

PQ60611/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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

2649. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59567/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2650. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review existing policies relating to controlled burning and land management practices (details supplied); if he will consider expanding the use of controlled or prescribed burning to mitigate the risk of large-scale wildfires and to prevent extensive damage to land, habitats and wildlife, as well as risks to human health; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59635/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2651. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a strategy to support the production and development of plant-based foods in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59670/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2652. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the number of applications received for the fuel income support scheme; the number that are awaiting determination; the number that have been approved; the number that have been refused; broken down by county, in tabular form.

PQ59728/26 | PA DALY

2653. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to carry out a review of public spending (details supplied); if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59826/26 | PAT BUCKLEY

2654. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the protocols, standard procedures and veterinary guidance followed by Department officials when carrying out or supervising the euthanasia of cattle on farms; whether these protocols include requirements to minimise distress by ensuring that animals are not euthanised within sight of other cattle where reasonably practicable; the way these protocols relate to the protections in the Slaughter of Animals Act 1935 and other animal welfare legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59878/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

2655. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the protocols, standard procedures and veterinary guidance followed by Department officials when carrying out or supervising the euthanasia of cattle on farms have been reviewed following the recent enforcement operations in Roscommon and Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59888/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

2656. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle euthanised on farms by, or under the direction or supervision of, officials or veterinary inspectors of his Department in each of the years from 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the reasons for such euthanasia, by category, including animal welfare, animal health, disease control, traceability or other enforcement actions; the number of farms involved in each year, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59903/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

2657. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether an investigation has been initiated into the conduct of the recent enforcement operations in Roscommon and Clare, including whether officials complied with Departmental protocols relating to animal welfare during on-farm euthanasia; if video footage of the operations has been reviewed; if he will publish the findings of any such review; and if he make a statement on the matter.

PQ59915/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

2658. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to clarify the statement in the Wildlife Unit End of Year Report for 2025 (details supplied); the substantive assessment CVERA undertakes; and whether the report will be corrected to accurately describe CVERA's role.

PQ59957/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2659. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of TAMS funding available under each programme since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59985/26 | MATT CATHY

2660. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider introducing a guaranteed annual income for fishermen operating in areas of special conservation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60106/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

2661. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of young farmers who have applied to date for the national reserve and complementary income support for young farmers schemes in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60205/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2662. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to provide supports, including capital funding, for the development of an organic feed mill.

PQ60432/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2663. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of poultry holdings on which birds were compulsorily destroyed, or where destruction was directed by his Department, arising from a confirmed or suspected detection of salmonella; the number of birds destroyed in each year, broken down by species; the number of cases in which the relevant statutory notice was subsequently withdrawn, modified or annulled, including following an appeal; the number of cases in which compensation or other financial assistance was paid; and the total amount paid, for each of the years 2015 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ60634/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2664. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost to the Exchequer, had a compensation scheme operated for poultry farmers whose flocks were compulsorily destroyed on the direction of his Department (details supplied); the estimated average payment per affected holding under such a scheme; whether his Department has previously undertaken any assessment of the cost or feasibility of introducing such a compensation or burden-sharing mechanism for each of the years 2015 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60641/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

2665. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60670/26 | GED NASH

2666. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60922/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

2667. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61040/26 | MATT CARTHY

2668. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide additional funding to address the waiting lists in Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59845/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2669. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 380 of 2 July 2026, if he will provide an update on the status of this enquiry.

PQ60606/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2670. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide, for each year from 2018 to 2025 inclusive, all surveillance data sets, reports, tables and underlying figures held by his Department relating to transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) in the national sheep flock, including but not limited to; the number of cases of classical scrapie detected; the number of cases of atypical scrapie detected; the total number of sheep tested for TSEs; and the categories of sheep tested (details supplied); the geographical distribution of detected cases by county, where available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59911/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2671. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department or the Marine Institute has assessed the effect of reduced commercial pollack fishing in 2024 and 2025 on stock abundance in 2026; whether reports of improved catches off the northwest coast are being investigated; whether these indicate a local or wider stock recovery; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61191/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

2672. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 2618 of 28 July 2026, if the European Commission indicated a further reason beyond 'other animal disease priorities' in relation to the cessation of co-financing Ireland's bTB eradication programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61161/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2673. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 168 of 21 May 2026, the basis for reconciling the commercial pollack quota of approximately 2,300 tonnes with the ICES projection of 1,085 tonnes in commercial landings for 2026; whether the 2,300 tonne figure is the combined EU-UK quota and Ireland's share thereof; how his Department concluded that recreational reductions were the only viable option; whether all commercial removals, including bait catches, were included; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61190/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

2674. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the quantity of pollack caught by Irish registered vessels in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by ICES area and vessel size; the quantity retained for bait in each year from 2021 to date; whether bait catches are reported and deducted from Ireland's quota; the method by which they are estimated when not separately recorded, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61189/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

2675. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, in light of the prolonged drought conditions experienced by farmers this year and the resulting significant reduction in grass and crop growth, he will review the current closing dates for the application of chemical fertiliser and the spreading of slurry; if he will consider extending both deadlines by a period of two weeks to allow farmers to recover some of the growth lost during the exceptionally dry conditions; if he will engage with Teagasc, farming organisations and other relevant stakeholders as part of such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61210/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2676. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason ante mortem injuries in the slaughterhouse are only collated locally and are not collated by his Department on a national basis; the body that collates these ante mortem injuries; where this information is kept and if it is available; if the data is not available, the reason this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60598/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2677. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason egg-laying flocks were inspected in 2025: the percentage that the inspected number is of the entire national flock; if he will comment on his Departments work to ensure adequate care during collection, packing and transport of the birds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60599/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2678. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to develop and expand the organic egg industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60601/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2679. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total cost incurred by his Department in relation to enforcement operations involving the destruction of cattle in each of the past five years, including veterinary services, contractors, transport, disposal and legal costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61267/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2680. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to the enforcement operation undertaken by his Department in County Roscommon in July 2026, whether he is satisfied that all animal welfare, operational and legal procedures were complied with; whether a review of the operation has been undertaken or is planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61266/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2681. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the appeal mechanisms available to an animal owner prior to the destruction of cattle by his Department; whether emergency powers may be exercised without notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61265/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2682. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the procedures followed where cattle are found to be unregistered, unidentified, incorrectly tagged or otherwise in breach of animal identification and traceability requirements; the range of enforcement options available to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61264/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2683. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps taken by his Department to explore alternatives to the euthanasia or destruction of cattle, including seizure, detention, rehoming, sale or transfer of ownership; the criteria used in deciding between destruction and alternative measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61263/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2684. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the engagement he has had with animal welfare organisations in relation to the operation of circuses that include animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60017/26 | BARRY WARD

2685. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the punishments in place for the owners and operators of mobile petting zoos, if it is found that they were in breach of animal welfare laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59999/26 | BARRY WARD

2686. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the mechanisms in place to ensure animal welfare standards are adhered to by the owners and operators of circuses that include animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60006/26 | BARRY WARD

2687. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether a veterinary practitioner is required to be present on behalf of his Department during operations involving the euthanasia or destruction of cattle; if so, the role of the veterinary practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61262/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2688. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the number of animal welfare inspections that were carried out on the owners and operators of circuses that include animals in each of the years 2022 to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60008/26 | BARRY WARD

2689. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount allocated to the CAP budget for agriculture in Ireland nationally and co-funded by Europe for Pillar 1 and Pillar 2, the amount from each pillar that has been paid to farmers as a total in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement.

PQ61271/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2690. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the punishments in place for the owners and operators of circuses in the event that it is found that they were in breach of animal welfare laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60011/26 | BARRY WARD

2691. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid to sub-contractors as contracted by his Department to carry out work on his Department's schemes (details supplied) in each of the years 2022 to 2025, and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement.

PQ61276/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2692. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid to the staff in his Department to administer all schemes in each of the years 2022 to 2025, and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61275/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2693. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount from both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 budgets that was paid to the eight ACRES co-operation projects from 1 January 2022 to to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61273/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount from Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 budgets that was paid to and or retained by his Department for administering all of the schemes, broken down by each scheme listed under Pillar 1 and for each scheme listed under Pillar 2, in each of the years 2022 to 2025, and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61274/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount from each Pillar that has been paid to farmers for each individual scheme in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61272/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the current closing dates for the application of chemical fertiliser and slurry given of the prolonged drought conditions experienced during the 2026 growing season; if his Department has undertaken, or intends to undertake, an assessment of the impact of the drought on grass growth and fodder production; if he will engage with Teagasc and farming representative organisations regarding the introduction a temporary extension to the current spreading deadlines without compromising water quality or environmental protections; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60999/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide an update on the review (details supplied) of his Department's governance of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund, sent to the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts in November 2025, and specifically on the implementation of its recommendation to increase the share of the fund ring-fenced for welfare purposes; the number of equine fatalities related to the 2026 Galway Races Summer Festival; if his Department attaches any reporting or publication conditions to HRI's funding in respect of equine fatalities; if not, whether it intends to do so; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ60806/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

2698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for an update on the proposed dredging of Howth Fishery Harbour Centre; whether the Environmental Protection Agency has completed its assessment of the waste licence application; what outstanding steps remain before works can begin; when he expects the project will go to tender; when dredging works are expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60590/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review existing policies relating to controlled burning and land management practices in light of the wildfires on Slievenamon, County Tipperary; whether consideration will be given to expanding the use of controlled or prescribed burning to mitigate the risk of large-scale wildfires and to prevent extensive damage to land, habitats and wildlife, as well as risks to human health; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60258/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the necessary funding for the provision of dog parks in County Kerry; if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60784/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2701. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to report on progress to meet commitments under the national human rights strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60742/26 | PA DALY

2702. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine he will clarify the basis on which horse and pony racing is regarded as a non-regulated sector for the purposes of Government funding and support; the regulations, licensing requirements and oversight arrangements currently applicable to the sector, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60322/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2703. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61356/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2704. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61339/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2705. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of herds and cows in Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme (SCEP) in each of the years 2023 to 2026 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61480/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2706. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in the Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme (SCEP) in each of the years 2023 to 2026 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61479/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2707. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that have opted to withdraw themselves from the Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme (SCEP) in each of the years 2023 to 2026 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61477/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2708. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that have been removed from the Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme (SCEP) in each of the years 2023 to 2026 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61476/26 | NATASHA NEWSOME DRENNAN

2709. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the qualifications, certifications, licences and training required of persons carrying out the euthanasia, culling or destruction of cattle on behalf of his Department; whether contractors may be engaged for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61261/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2710. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the approved methods used by his Department for the euthanasia of cattle during enforcement operations; the circumstances in which each method may be used; the animal welfare considerations taken into account; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61260/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2711. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to review the current closing dates for chemical fertiliser (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61549/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2712. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the procedures, protocols and standard operating instructions in place where bovine animals are to be euthanised, culled or destroyed by, or on behalf of his Department; whether these procedures have been reviewed in the past five years; and if he will provide copies of such protocols.

PQ61259/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2713. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the categories of circumstances under which his Department may order or carry out the euthanasia, culling or destruction of bovine animals; the number of cases in each category in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61258/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2714. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of bovine animals that were euthanised, culled, destroyed or otherwise killed by, or on behalf of his Department in each of the past five years and to date in 2026; the county in which each such operation occurred; the legislative basis relied upon in each case; the number of animals involved in each operation; the reason for the destruction of the animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61257/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to urgently address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61616/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61575/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request his Department to provide the procedures regarding alleged illegal forestry works (AIF).

PQ61919/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request his Department to provide a copy of the forestry appeals procedures.

PQ61918/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the fact that there have only been four inspections out of 200 coursing events in a five year period (details supplied).

PQ61923/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns raised at the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food that veterinary nurses continue to experience significantly lower pay and weaker career progression compared to equivalent clinical roles in human healthcare; the measures his Department is examining to improve retention within the profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61935/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether any temporary measures are under consideration to increase straw availability, including enhanced baling supports, amendments to the straw incorporation measure or other interventions, in light of concerns regarding fodder and straw supplies arising from current weather conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61886/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has undertaken an assessment of the impact of the straw incorporation measure on commercial straw availability during the 2026 harvest season; and if he will provide details of any such assessment.

PQ61885/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current estimate of national straw stocks and projected straw availability for the 2026/27 season; whether his Department has identified any risk of shortages for livestock farmers, mushroom producers or other agricultural users; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61884/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify his Department's position on the Veterinary Council of Ireland's assertion that TB testing is an act of veterinary medicine that cannot be delegated to veterinary nurses; and if he will outline any assessment undertaken on the way in which current testing requirements are impacting rota pressures and service sustainability within rural mixed practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61936/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consideration his Department has given to providing direct State support to veterinary practices comparable to the supports provided to GP practices, in view of evidence presented to the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food that the absence of such supports is contributing to severe workforce pressures and reduced service availability in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61934/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm when his Department intends to act on the legislative amendments submitted by the Veterinary Council of Ireland in early 2024 to strengthen the regulatory framework for veterinary nurses, given the ongoing recruitment and retention crisis across rural practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61933/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement his Department has had with representatives of the mushroom industry regarding reported concerns over straw supplies; and the steps being taken to ensure an adequate supply of wheaten straw for mushroom production over the coming year.

PQ61887/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2728. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether he is considering the introduction of a fodder support scheme or any other targeted financial supports for farmers affected by the current drought conditions; whether additional funding is being considered in Budget 2027 to assist affected farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61880/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2729. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the assessment his Department has made of the impact of the ongoing drought on fodder availability, livestock production, milk yields and crop output; whether he intends to reconvene the National Fodder and Food Security Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61879/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

2730. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the resources and expenditure allocated by Coillte for the inspection and maintenance of forestry fire breaks in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62040/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2731. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the inspection, maintenance and clearance regime currently in place for forestry fire breaks on State-owned and private forestry lands; the frequency with which such fire breaks are assessed; the standards that apply to their upkeep; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62039/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2732. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the policy and guidelines governing the establishment, inspection and maintenance of fire breaks within Coillte-managed forests and private forestry plantations; the actions are being taken to ensure the proper maintenance of fire breaks on Coillte lands going forward, particularly in areas adjoining farms, homes and rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62038/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2733. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of carbon credit arrangements for forestry owners; whether any formal mechanism, scheme or regulatory framework exists that would allow private forestry owners to generate, verify, trade or otherwise benefit from carbon credits arising from carbon sequestration on their lands; the steps his Department has taken to develop such a framework; the expected timeline for its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62116/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2734. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a report on the EU Ocean Pact consultation event held in Wexford on 16 July 2026; to outline the key issues discussed and any outcomes or recommendations arising from the event; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62119/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

2735. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any Department led initiative that seeks to increase the level of tree cover in appropriate locations in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62151/26 | BARRY WARD

2736. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any targets set by his Department in relation to the level of tree cover in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62150/26 | BARRY WARD

2737. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any afforestation plan for urban areas to increase the level of tree cover in appropriate areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62149/26 | BARRY WARD

2738. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline all funding allocated by his Department for projects, programmes and initiatives in the Cavan and Monaghan constituency from 1 January 2025 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62182/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

2739. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of non-licensed dog breeding centres that have been shut down by his Department or related agencies in each of the years 2022 to 2025 inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62275/26 | BARRY WARD

2740. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any engagement he has had with animal welfare charities regarding the regulation and inspection of non-licenced dog breeding establishments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62274/26 | BARRY WARD

2741. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any engagement he has had with animal welfare charities regarding the regulation and inspection of licenced dog breeding establishments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62273/26 | BARRY WARD

2742. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the merits of creating a maximum limit for the number of breeding dogs that can be kept in a single licenced dog breeding establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62272/26 | BARRY WARD

2743. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of inspections carried out on dog breeding facilities in 2023, 2024 and 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62271/26 | BARRY WARD

2744. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking to crack down on the presence of puppy farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62270/26 | BARRY WARD

2745. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking to ensure the aims of the Dog Welfare (Amendment) Bill 2025 are progressed within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62269/26 | BARRY WARD

2746. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any research ongoing into the merits of progressing the Dog Welfare (Amendment) Bill 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62268/26 | BARRY WARD

2747. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made by persons (details supplied) to plant forests to offset the carbon footprint of Adare hosting the Ryder Cup; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62386/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2748. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds homed via independent rescues without the assistance of an organisation (details supplied) as recorded in the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system, in each of the years from 2021 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62419/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2749. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds homed privately by their owner/trainer without the assistance of an organisation (details supplied) excluding those sent to an independent rescue as recorded in the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system, in each of the years from 2021 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62420/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2750. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering the introduction of any financial support measures for farmers whose grazing lands, fencing or other agricultural assets were damaged during the recent wildfires on Slievenamon; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62490/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2751. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether farmers affected by the recent wildfires on Slievenamon will continue to receive payments under the basic income support for sustainability (BISS) scheme, ACRES and other Department schemes where land damage occurred through circumstances entirely outside their control; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62489/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2752. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a clear assurance that farmers who were not responsible for the recent wildfires on Slievenamon, County Tipperary, will not face financial penalties, payment reductions, scheme sanctions or other adverse consequences arising from the fires; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62491/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2753. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being undertaken as part of the Nitrates Action Plan and the farming for water project to improve water quality and protections; the way in which these actions are being assessed and enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62517/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2754. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the number of fire danger notices issued each month, for the last 10 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62535/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

2755. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of badgers in County Galway found to have TB in a post-mortem inspection in 2026, with a breakdown by DED; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62429/26 | SEÁN CANNEY

2756. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is aware of a case (details supplied) where farm payments have been blocked due to a TB issue despite the farmer's herd repeatedly testing clear; if this case will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ62504/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to enforce mandatory protection and enforcement for combustible fire zones in existing forests; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62697/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has considered the establishment of a strategic food reserve as part of Ireland's long-term food security planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62720/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

2759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the protective fire measures in place to protect native oak forests given currently sitka spruce are planted in areas butting up against native forests; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62695/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any work ongoing to address animal cruelty concerns related to the export of live animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62778/26 | BARRY WARD

2761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking to try and prevent sulky racing and the associated animal welfare issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62782/26 | BARRY WARD

2762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the animal welfare inspection mechanisms in place to prevent sulky racing and the associated animal welfare issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62783/26 | BARRY WARD

2763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any review of the Control of Horses Act 1996 to ensure the welfare needs of horses are expressly and meaningfully reflected in the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62784/26 | BARRY WARD

2764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the funding levels provided to animal welfare organisations is sufficient to deal with their extensive workload and responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62786/26 | BARRY WARD

2765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any proposals to provide multi-annual funding for animal welfare organisations to allow for longer term planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62785/26 | BARRY WARD

2766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to ensure the buffer zones between forestry (sitka spruce) and dwellings are being adequately maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62694/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any work ongoing to address animal cruelty concerns related to the tail docking of pigs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62779/26 | BARRY WARD

2768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding inspection mechanisms to ensure that the practice of tail docking pigs is prevented; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62780/26 | BARRY WARD

2769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will engage with animal welfare organisations in relation to their specific concerns related to sulky racing on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62781/26 | BARRY WARD

2770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the funding levels provided to an animal welfare organisation (details supplied) is sufficient to deal with their extensive workload and responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62787/26 | BARRY WARD

2771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider amending the afforestation scheme 2023-2027 to focus on lesser quality farmland, that is land that is less productive for arable farming or grazing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62801/26 | BARRY WARD

2772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated extent to which the afforestation scheme 2023-2027 has sequestered carbon or assisted the achievement of carbon reduction targets; if he will set out the basis for his conclusions in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62800/26 | BARRY WARD

2773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of money collectively paid to landowners to date under the afforestation scheme 2023-2027; the overall costs of the scheme to date, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62799/26 | BARRY WARD

2774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of trees that have been planted under the afforestation scheme 2023-2027 scheme; the area of land that has been covered by trees planted under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62797/26 | BARRY WARD

2775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that only 2,527 ha have been planted with forestry under his Department's forestry planting target; if he will confirm that this represents only 32% of the target; his plans to increase planting to reach the target by the end of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62796/26 | BARRY WARD

2776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the merits of creating a national register of animal-welfare disqualification orders; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62969/26 | BARRY WARD

2777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether existing legislation is sufficient to deal with cases of animal abuse/mistreatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62967/26 | BARRY WARD

2778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider providing for a specific fund for animal welfare charities to deal with the care of abandoned older pets or pets with serious illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62965/26 | BARRY WARD

2779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding any inspection mechanisms in place to prevent the abandonment of older pets or pets that have serious illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62964/26 | BARRY WARD

2780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62953/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62986/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will ensure that the facility is being thoroughly inspected.

PQ63329/26 | PAUL MURPHY

2783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a new organic farming scheme will open for applications in 2026 as many young farmers have incurred significant outlays in the expectation that a scheme will open this year and; if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63366/26 | SEÁN CANNEY

2784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63470/26 | JOE NEVILLE

2785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63466/26 | GED NASH

2786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63342/26 | GED NASH

2787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if cross-Government measures will be introduced to reduce the sale of land to non-farming interests and particularly large-scale businesses with specific reference to the need to support small farm holders, who may wish to buy neighbouring farm land to help make their holdings viable.

PQ63925/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he proposes to introduce additional measures to assist in reducing the sale of farm land to non-farming interests, and particularly large-scale businesses, with specific reference to the need to provide more support to small farm holders who may wish to buy neighbouring farm land for farming purposes when such options arise.

PQ63924/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has considered establishing a dedicated capital funding stream to support local authorities in developing enclosed dog exercise areas in large towns and urban communities; whether an assessment has been undertaken of demand for such facilities nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63743/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the development of dedicated enclosed dog parks or off-leash dog exercise areas by local authorities is eligible for funding under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme 2026-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63742/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dedicated dog parks or enclosed off-leash dog exercise areas that have received funding from schemes administered by his Department in each of the years 2020 to 2026; the total funding provided; the funding programme in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63741/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason beef prices are reported to be approximately €1.10 per kilogram lower than at the same period last year; the factors contributing to this decline; the engagement his Department has had with meat processors and manufacturers regarding cattle prices; whether he is concerned that the reduction in beef prices, coupled with increased production costs, is placing significant financial pressure on beef farmers; the measures he plans to take to support farm incomes and ensure a fair return for primary producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ63575/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

2793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider the issues outlined in correspondence and in a detailed submission from a national organisation concerning CAP funding post 2027 (details supplied).

PQ63985/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a long-term commitment to the continued funding and support of the Land Mobility Service, having regard to its role in facilitating generational renewal, farm succession, collaborative farming arrangements and land access for young trained farmers; whether he intends to maintain and expand the service in the coming years.

PQ63941/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of successful land mobility arrangements facilitated by the Land Mobility Service in each of the last five years; and the annual financial support provided by his Department to the service during that period.

PQ63940/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated additional Exchequer cost of increasing TAMS reference costs by 10%, 20% and 30% respectively across all eligible investment categories.

PQ63939/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which the reference costs currently applied under the targeted agricultural modernisation scheme (TAMS) were last reviewed and updated; whether his Department has conducted an assessment of the gap between current reference costs and actual market costs faced by farmers undertaking approved works; whether he will commit to an immediate review of those reference costs in light of continued inflation in construction, labour and input costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63938/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific, measurable actions his Department is taking to identify, inspect, and approve alternative vessel capacity ahead of the autumn weanling trade and next spring's calf export season; if he has engaged directly with alternative commercial ferry operators to ensure continuous access to the single market; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63570/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

2799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a full statistical breakdown of the total number of live cattle and calves exported from Ireland to date this year compared to the same period in 2025; the volume of these exports broken down by destination country; if his attention has been drawn to recent industry meetings in Athlone highlight structural deficits in shipping infrastructure following the withdrawal of a service (details supplied) from transporting live animals; and if he will make a statement on this matter.

PQ63569/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

2800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals he has put forward at EU Agriculture Council in relation to the need to provide for a properly funded CAP Post 2027.

PQ63952/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

2801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding provided by his Department to organisations delivering mental health and wellbeing supports for farmers and farm families in each of the last five years, by organisation and scheme.

PQ63945/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department is taking to address mental health challenges and social isolation among farmers and farm families; whether he will increase funding for locally based support services, peer-to-peer networks and farm advisory programmes with a mental health and wellbeing component.

PQ63944/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide additional funding in Budget 2027 to expand the National Genotyping Programme, with a view to increasing participation among suckler and dairy farmers, improving breeding decisions and supporting national climate and sustainability objectives.

PQ63943/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

2804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being considered in Budget 2027 to strengthen and expand the Land Mobility Service as a means of supporting farm succession, increasing opportunities for young farmers and improving the productive use of agricultural land.

PQ63942/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

Chun an Aire Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais: To the Children, Disability and Equality

2805. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59568/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2806. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the withdrawal of a childcare facility from the core funding model (details supplied); and the actions she will take to support parents with the knock-on price increase.

PQ59549/26 | BARRY WARD

2807. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the engagement her Department has had with the management of a childcare facility (details supplied) prior to their withdrawal from the core funding model.

PQ59550/26 | BARRY WARD

2808. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the engagement her Department has had with the management of a childcare facility (details supplied) since their withdrawal from the core funding model with a view to continuing their participation in this scheme.

PQ59551/26 | BARRY WARD

2809. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the significant fee increase being imposed on families by a childcare centre (details supplied); her views on the financial burden that this puts on families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59589/26 | BARRY WARD

2810. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the engagement her Department had with a childcare centre (details supplied) prior to the notice to parents that there would be a significant fee increase imposed on families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59592/26 | BARRY WARD

2811. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the supports to families in cases whereby their childcare centre significantly increases their prices (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59594/26 | BARRY WARD

2812. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the ongoing engagement her Department is having with a large childcare provider group (details supplied) in relation to their fee structures and the knock on impact on families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59595/26 | BARRY WARD

2813. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the engagement her Department has had with a large childcare provider (details supplied) in relation to their departure from the core funding scheme; if negotiations are ongoing in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59599/26 | BARRY WARD

2814. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the continued absence by a large childcare provider (details supplied) from the core funding scheme; if she is aware of the significant knock on financial burden being placed on parents as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59608/26 | BARRY WARD

2815. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 and 75 of 23 June 2026, to provide an update on the EU Pay Transparency Directive; the timeline for transposition; to report on the development of the dedicated Irish employer gender-neutral job evaluation toolkit; and when it will be published.

PQ59605/26 | PA DALY

2816. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the Parent's Leave and Benefit Act 2019 under which a child in a one-parent family has access to a maximum of nine weeks' paid parental leave compared with up to eighteen combined weeks for a child with two parents in the household, is consistent with the principle of equal access for children to early parental care regardless of family structure; if her Department has engaged with the Department of Social Protection on this disparity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59632/26 | JOE COONEY

2817. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her position regarding the supports in place for families who cannot avail of the €183.70 childcare fee cap from September 2026 as their childcare provider does not offer a 45 hour per week option; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59655/26 | BARRY WARD

2818. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the work ongoing to address the cost of childcare for families that have children in childcare centres that only offer 50 hour per week placements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59669/26 | BARRY WARD

2819. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to consider the pre-budget submission by an organisation (details supplied) and implement the measures they have outlined to assist children in care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59665/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2820. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding interim measures under review that will support families who cannot avail of the €183.70 childcare fee cap from September 2026 as their childcare provider does not offer a 45 hour per week option; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59672/26 | BARRY WARD

2821. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any engagement she has had with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to their calls to create a multi-stakeholder, paternity leave working group; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59674/26 | BARRY WARD

2822. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding developments towards reaching the commitment to reducing childcare costs to €200 per child, per month, in the context of a number of childcare providers leaving the core funding scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59677/26 | BARRY WARD

2823. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the proposal by an organisation (details supplied) to review the statutory paternity leave and to develop a pathway towards offering additional fully paid leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59686/26 | BARRY WARD

2824. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the mechanism in place that seeks to bring childcare facilities that have left the core funding model back into the scheme.

PQ59577/26 | BARRY WARD

2825. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the basis for the decision to not include childcare centres that only offer 50 hour per week placements in the planned childcare fee cap from September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59688/26 | BARRY WARD

2826. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any support mechanisms in place to support families whose childcare facilities have withdrawn from the core funding model, specifically in relation to the knock-on price increase for childcare.

PQ59581/26 | BARRY WARD

2827. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on creating a statutory reporting mechanism for private sector firms regarding the uptake of paternity leave by their employees that would seek to increase the rate of employees availing of this leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59702/26 | BARRY WARD

2828. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any initiative under consideration within her Department that seeks to increase the uptake of paternity leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59707/26 | BARRY WARD

2829. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress that has been made to date in relation to a campaign in Kerry (details supplied) in relation to the provision of community based homes for children with an intellectual disability.

PQ59769/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2830. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the responsibilities that have been devolved to the Minister of State with responsibility for Disability and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59858/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2831. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the waiting lists for those awaiting AONs, by time and county; and the projected waiting list by the end of the year, in tabular form and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ59894/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2832. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on early child and family interventions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59929/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2833. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to "Improve support for kinship care to enhance outcomes for kinship families".

PQ59942/26 | EOIN HAYES

2834. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the common practice by childcare providers to require a non-refundable deposit from parents when putting their child's name down, particularly in the context whereby parents are particularly desperate to secure a placement due to local childcare shortages and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59952/26 | BARRY WARD

2835. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plan, timeline and cost to deliver 222 extra posts in adult multidisciplinary therapies, as promised in the action plan for disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ59944/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2836. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plan, timeline and cost for the option of personalised budgets for those with disabilities, giving individuals greater choice and control over how they are supported; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59959/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2837. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plan, timeline and cost to deliver 800,000 additional personal assistance hours, and 110,000 additional home support hours respite services as promised in the action plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59953/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2838. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plan, timeline and cost to increase support for people with disabilities to access supported independent living, the provision of supports to live at home, in order to phase out long-term care in a nursing home for younger people with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59955/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2839. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plan, timeline and cost for continued expansion of respite services, including alternative respite options such as 500 new community-based residential care places to replace disability care in large institutional and campus-based settings and around 900 additional residential care places to tackle unmet need and ensure supply keeps pace with demographic change as promised in the action plan and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59954/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2840. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plan, timeline and cost to deliver around 1,200 additional day service places each year to ensure places for school leavers who require them and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59948/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2841. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the positions and teams unfilled for community neuro rehabilitation teams, by region; the plans to address this, in tabular form and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59941/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2842. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the engagement there has been with foster carers to deliver on their asks regarding the foster care allowance, pension issues etc and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59922/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2843. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the progress being made in workforce planning for staffing CDNTs and disability services and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ59916/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2844. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the positions that are unfilled by CDNT team; the plans to fill these, in tabular form if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59909/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2845. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the changes proposed to AONs and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59902/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2846. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans for assessing the best means of carrying out assessments of needs and therapies provision for those with autism and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ59881/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2847. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans in relation to the ongoing research and planning on the development of assistive technologies to be used to assist therapies and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59870/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2848. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the progress of the AAC pilot with AsIAm; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59877/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2849. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality hew views on the common practice by childcare providers to require a non-refundable deposit from parents when putting their child's name down; if she is conscious of the financial impact that this may have on parents in the context of them not being able to take up the place and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59947/26 | BARRY WARD

2850. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the common practice by childcare providers to require a non-refundable deposit from parents when putting their child's name down; if this is permitted under the core funding scheme and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59943/26 | BARRY WARD

2851. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the building blocks expansion grant scheme provides funding for the expansion of car parking facilities as part of a childcare service expansion project, in addition to the expansion of crèche capacity, and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60152/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2852. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether additional annual funding of €4 million will be provided to a disability service provider to expand day-service capacity, in view of reports that its existing services are at full capacity and that a substantial waiting list remains; the number of people currently awaiting a day-service placement with the provider (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60159/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

2853. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total annual funding provided to a disability service provider for day-service transport; whether she is aware that approximately €3.5 million of the provider's allocated budget is reportedly being spent on approximately 35 transport routes; whether her Department or the HSE has examined the cost per route and the value for money being achieved (details Supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60165/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

2854. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or the HSE has assessed the feasibility of a disability service provider operating its day-service transport directly rather than contracting the service to private operators; whether such an assessment would include potential savings arising from taxation arrangements, the removal of private profit, and the reinvestment of savings in frontline disability services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60169/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

2855. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will introduce some flexibility or option for parents of children who are born in January, to enable them to avail of the ECCE scheme when the child is two years and seven months old rather than automatically having to wait for the following September entry date; if she accepts that many children born in January only avail of a single year of the ECCE scheme before transitioning to primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60299/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

2856. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage of children with birth dates in January 2022 who availed of the ECCE scheme and who completed two years of the scheme; how this compares to children born in 2022 as a whole; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60301/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

2857. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who sought an assessment of need in the years 2023 to date in 2026, by year; the length of time they have been waiting (zero-three months, three to six months, six to 12 months, 12 months plus; the number carried out; the number who have received a service statement, by year and by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60342/26 | CATHY BENNETT

2858. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans in place to increase the provision of supported housing for adults with intellectual disabilities in County Kerry; the number of people currently awaiting such accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60354/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2859. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to the commitment at action 2.23 of the National Strategy for Women and Girls Action Plan 2026-2028 to develop public awareness campaigns aimed at "changing attitudes," what definition of a "harmful gender norm or stereo type" the Department will apply in designing such campaigns; who will determine that definition; and whether that definition will be published.

PQ60370/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2860. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to action 2.23 of the National Strategy for Women and Girls Action Plan 2026-2028, whether any campaign developed under that action will characterise the choice of a woman to adopt a traditional or home-centred family role as a "harmful gender norm"; and the evidence base relied upon in making any such characterisation.

PQ60379/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2861. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to action 2.27 of the National Strategy for Women and Girls Action Plan 2026-2028 committing to apply the OECD Framework on Restrictive Masculinities, the cost of applying that framework; the Irish-specific evidence base underpinning its adoption; and whether any regulatory, funding, or enforcement consequence follows from its findings.

PQ60388/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2862. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the safeguards that have been put in place to assist vulnerable young adults with complex needs who require a functional capacity assessment under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60455/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

2863. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of persistent room closures (details supplied) by a childcare provider due to staffing shortages; if her Department has analysed the reasons behind these closures and if other providers have implemented similar closures; the implications of same for receipt of core funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60502/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2864. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the breakdown of Tusla funding to charities dealing with child homelessness across each of the six Tusla regions for the past five years; the number of such agencies funded in each region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60513/26 | SEÁN KYNE

2865. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has estimated the annual cost of expanding financial supports under Core Funding to enable all graduate qualified early learning and childcare educators to be recognised through the Graduate Lead Educator Premium, or a comparable funding mechanism; if so, the estimated cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60514/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2866. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she intends to review the operation of the Graduate Lead Educator Premium as part of the next review of Core Funding to ensure that graduate qualified educators are appropriately recognised and rewarded for their qualifications; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60509/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2867. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures she is taking to improve career progression and remuneration for graduate qualified early learning and childcare educators in order to support recruitment, retention and the delivery of high quality early learning and childcare services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60506/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2868. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether consideration is being given to expanding the Graduate Lead Educator Premium, or introducing an alternative funding mechanism, to better recognise and support graduate qualified educators where more than one graduate is working within the same early learning and childcare room; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60504/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2869. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has assessed whether the current operation of the Graduate Lead Educator Premium provides sufficient incentives for early learning and childcare educators to upskill to Level 7 or higher qualifications and will she make a statement on the matter

PQ60499/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2870. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has assessed the number of graduate qualified early learning and childcare educators who are working in rooms where the Graduate Lead Educator Premium is already assigned to another educator; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60493/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2871. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of early learning and childcare educators who hold an approved Level 7 or higher qualification; the number who are currently recognised through the Graduate Lead Educator Premium under Core Funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60490/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2872. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on her Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60669/26 | GED NASH

2873. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2825 of 28 July 2026, the measures in place or being considered to protect parents from substantial fee increases when a service provider withdraws from Core Funding; the financial supports that are in place for families to meet significantly increased fees in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60755/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

2874. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total amount her Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of her Department's advertising budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60921/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

2875. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider providing a capital funding mechanism for community associations seeking to construct new childcare facilities where the association would own the facility but lease its operation to a registered childcare provider; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61070/26 | COLM BURKE

2876. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether a community association which proposes to construct a purpose-built childcare facility, with the service subsequently operated by an independent childcare provider, is eligible for any existing or planned capital funding schemes; and if she will provide details of the funding options available.

PQ61073/26 | COLM BURKE

2877. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she is aware of a potential gap in existing childcare capital schemes whereby community organisations seeking to develop new childcare facilities may be ineligible because they are not themselves existing childcare providers; whether this issue will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61076/26 | COLM BURKE

2878. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of FOI requests her Department, and each agency under her auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61049/26 | MATT CARTHY

2879. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address matters raised in the correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59867/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2880. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on a report (details supplied); the measures being taken to address the issues raised; the engagement she has had with the 'before we die' campaign; if she is satisfied he is responding adequately to their demands; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59871/26 | PA DALY

2881. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagement her Department had with union representees for workers at a facility (details supplied) to resolve industrial action and to ensure safe staffing levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61141/26 | MARK WARD

2882. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports available to help establish a sustainable after-school service in Waterville, County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61243/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2883. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the operation of the national childcare scheme in cases (details supplied); if her Department is aware of concerns from childcare providers and parents regarding the impact of this rule; the number of representations received by her Department on this issue; if changes to the scheme are being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61235/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2884. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of orientation and mobility assessments and training sessions provided to blind or visually impaired children by children's disability network teams in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of children who received this support in each year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61204/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2885. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of registered childcare centres that are eligible but are not signed up to the core funding scheme at a national level; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60004/26 | BARRY WARD

2886. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of registered childcare centres in Dublin that are eligible but are not signed up to the core funding scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60007/26 | BARRY WARD

2887. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of childcare centres nationally that have left or have indicated their intention to leave the core funding scheme since the establishment of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60010/26 | BARRY WARD

2888. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the services provided to a blind or visually impaired child whose main disability is visual impairment and who do not qualify for support from a Children's Disability Network Team; which service is responsible for providing orientation and mobility assessments and training to these children; the number of children who received this support in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61205/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

2889. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total number of childcare centres in Dublin that have left or have indicated their intention to leave the core funding scheme since the establishment of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60012/26 | BARRY WARD

2890. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the merits of allowing greater price flexibility within the core funding scheme for childcare centres that operate in Dublin to account for higher operating costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60016/26 | BARRY WARD

2891. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any engagement her Department had with a childcare centre prior to the notice to parents that there would be a significant fee increase imposed on families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60062/26 | BARRY WARD

2892. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total expenditure incurred by the HSE on children's residential disability placements by individual provider and provider type, including Section 38 organisations, Section 39 organisations, private for-profit providers and HSE directly provided services; the number of children supported and residential placements provided by each provider in each year, by HSE health region, in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61137/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

2893. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any supports to families in cases whereby their childcare centre significantly increase their prices (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60063/26 | BARRY WARD

2894. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any ongoing engagement her Department is having with the management of a childcare centre (details supplied) in relation to their fee structures and the knock on impact on families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60065/26 | BARRY WARD

2895. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any engagement her Department has had with a childcare provider (details) in relation to their departure from the core funding scheme; if any negotiations are ongoing in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60068/26 | BARRY WARD

2896. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2789 of 28 July 2026, the position regarding the engagement she has had with the management of the childcare centre (details supplied) since their decision to withdraw from the core funding scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60071/26 | BARRY WARD

2897. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there are plans for a clear and consistent pathway for accessing disability summer camps and day respite services; to confirm how families can obtain advanced information on available programmes, dates and daily hours; if regular school holiday and weekend clubs are planned for younger children; the way responsibility for progressing referrals are allocated between CDNTs, HSE Disability Services and service providers; if there are plans for recurring funding of respite and social participation programmes as opposed to one off arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61295/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

2898. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the engagement she has had with the management of the childcare centre (details supplied), specifically with a view to bringing them back into the core funding scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60074/26 | BARRY WARD

2899. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she proposes further engagement with the management of a childcare centre (details supplied) in advanced of their planned withdrawal from the core funding scheme on 1 September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60075/26 | BARRY WARD

2900. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the significant fee increase being imposed on families by a childcare centre (details supplied); if she is conscious of the financial burden that this puts on families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60060/26 | BARRY WARD

2901. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the continued absence by a large childcare provider from the core funding scheme; if she is conscious of the significant knock on financial burden being placed on parents as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60070/26 | BARRY WARD

2902. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has liaised with the Department of Social Protection on protections that exist to accommodate staff who are contractually ready to return to work after maternity leave but logistically are blocked by a documented lack of childcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60081/26 | JOE NEVILLE

2903. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 473 of 16 July 2026, the comparable figures for the end of quarter 2 of 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61318/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

2904. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will meet with representatives from an organisation (details supplied) regarding their concerns around Core Funding, in order to ensure their services remain sustainable and to ensure that the organisation continues to be in a position to deliver childcare across their 34 branches; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61104/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

2905. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has considered introducing a requirement for judicial oversight in circumstances where a child has been accommodated in voluntary care for an extended period before a voluntary care arrangement can come to an end; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61082/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2906. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the procedures that apply where a parent withdraws consent to a voluntary care arrangement; whether her Department has examined the impact of such withdrawals on a child's welfare and placement stability; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61081/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2907. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she has considered the recommendation of the Ombudsman for Children to introduce a statutory 12-month time limit on voluntary care arrangements as part of the Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61079/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2908. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children currently in voluntary care arrangements under the Child Care Act 1991; the length of time these children have been in voluntary care, in less than six months, six to twelve months, one to three years, three to five years and over five years; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ61077/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2909. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of persons receiving residential, respite and day services within the Cork region in the years of 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61067/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2910. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the process of referral to a service for young people with a disability (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60913/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

2911. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total amounts paid by her Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61357/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

2912. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the expenditure incurred by her Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61340/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2913. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to report on progress to meet her commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60741/26 | PA DALY

2914. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the positions and teams unfilled for community neuro rehabilitation teams, by region; the plans to address this, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59940/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

2915. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the estimated number of additional disability residential placements required in each of the next three years to meet existing and projected demand.

PQ61397/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2916. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare facilities that have left the core funding scheme in the past five years; if additional funding will be given to providers under the scheme; if the scheme will be reviewed and updated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60312/26 | MARK WARD

2917. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has undertaken research or assessment of the impact on children of moving from long-term foster placements following the withdrawal of parental consent to voluntary care arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61084/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2918. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children who have been continuously accommodated under voluntary care arrangements for more than 12 months in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61078/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2919. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2848 of 28 July 2026, if she will report on drafting work undertaken and completed by her Department on legislation to include socioeconomic disadvantage as a ground for discrimination; the reason for the delay in producing legislation in respect of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60373/26 | IVANA BACIK

2920. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of WTE speech and language therapist posts, by grade, that were filled at North Inner City Children's Disability Network Team as of 17 August 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61461/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

2921. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the mechanisms in place to decide the number of supported living packages funded each year; the way in which this unmet demand is reflected in future planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60293/26 | BARRY WARD

2922. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of residential places provided for adults with intellectual disabilities to date in 2026; and to provide the same figures for 2023, in tabular form.

PQ61508/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

2923. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of places available and occupied at the Oberstown facility on 1 July for each of the years 2020 to 2026, in tabular form; if there are plans to increase capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61565/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

2924. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if equine therapy facilities will be developed at the HSE's Toghermore campus in Tuam, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61478/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

2925. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there is a tendering process established for the transporting of users of day services.

PQ60392/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2926. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total cost of transporting users of day services in 2025.

PQ60391/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2927. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she or her Department intend to undertake a review of transporting users of day services on a value-for-money basis.

PQ60390/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

2928. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of units that have been flagged to her Department regarding the State-led capital childcare programme as potential childcare facilities, by county, in tabular form.

PQ61708/26 | EMER CURRIE

2929. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of units flagged in Dublin 15 for the first round of projects under the State-led childcare programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61701/26 | EMER CURRIE

2930. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the changes in eligibility and points of entry since the ECCE commenced and the Programme for Government commitment to evaluate options to amend the ECCE eligibility criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61700/26 | EMER CURRIE

2931. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to extend the national childcare scheme for childminding in the childminder's home and childminding in the family home; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61699/26 | EMER CURRIE

2932. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the latest update on the State-led childcare programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61698/26 | EMER CURRIE

2933. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children receiving Aim supports, by year from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61696/26 | EMER CURRIE

2934. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children receiving NCS subsidies, by year from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61695/26 | EMER CURRIE

2935. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children availing of ECCE, by year from 2022 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61694/26 | EMER CURRIE

2936. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children attending core funding services, by year from 2022 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61693/26 | EMER CURRIE

2937. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number and value of applications received by her Department from childcare providers in County Tipperary under the capital funding scheme in each of the years since 2023 to date in 2026; and the number approved, in tabular form.

PQ61662/26 | ALAN KELLY

2938. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the WTE vacancies by job title currently at North Tipperary CDNT; the estimated timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form.

PQ61659/26 | ALAN KELLY

2939. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the amount of funding ringfenced to help attract and retain early years educators in services signed up to core funding between 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61729/26 | EMER CURRIE

2940. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views of the adequacy of the budget allocated to the HSE to meet the demand for supported living for people with intellectual disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60277/26 | BARRY WARD

2941. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of Employment Regulation Orders signed between 2020 to date in 2026, to help attract and retain early years educators, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61723/26 | EMER CURRIE

2942. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when respite services will be offered to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61722/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

2943. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the ongoing evaluation of the national childcare scheme is expected to conclude; whether the evaluation is examining the financial impact on families where childcare providers charge fixed monthly fees regardless of attendance while national childcare scheme subsidies are calculated on an hourly basis; whether changes to the current hours-based model are under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61733/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

2944. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress made to date on delivering the Programme for Government commitment to expand independent living options for persons with disabilities; the indicators being used to measure delivery of this commitment; and the position regarding community-based living capacity in Kildare north.

PQ61734/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

2945. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken under the Programme for Government to support adults with intellectual disabilities living with ageing family carers to transition, where appropriate, to independent or supported community-living arrangements; the progress being made against the goals set out in the Disability Capacity Review in this regard; and the supports and residential/supported living places currently available or planned for County Kildare.

PQ61735/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

2946. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the value of the HRB/NASS annual bulletin report that neither represents the full population of adults with an intellectual disability nor identifies the percentage of that population which it covers; whether the annual bulletin represents value for money; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61488/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

2947. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the percentage of the total number of adults with an intellectual disability in the State that the HRB/NASS annual bulletin represents, by reference to the total number of adults with an intellectual disability in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61485/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

2948. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to consider the pre-budget submission by an organisation (details supplied) and implement the measures they have outlined to assist children in care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59659/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2949. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the staffing levels for each children's disability network team serving Wicklow; the number of filled and vacant posts, by discipline per catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60311/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

2950. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children's disability network teams serving Wicklow; the catchment area for each team; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60308/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

2951. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether proposals relating to foster care supports, including those advanced by an organisation (details supplied) in its Budget 2027 pre-budget submission, are being considered as part of the Estimates and Budget 2027 process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59777/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2952. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to reform the parental leave system to allow single parents to take the parental leave that two parents would be entitled to and so ensure children of single parents are not disadvantaged, whether as part of Budget 2027 or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59778/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

2953. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has examined the estimated Exchequer cost of introducing PRSI credits or pension recognition measures for long-term foster carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59806/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2954. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children on waiting lists for children's disability network teams in Wicklow broken down, by catchment area, by service type, age and length of time waiting; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60313/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

2955. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the assessment criteria used to decide if a person is no longer suitable for the CDNT waiting list (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61145/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

2956. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to action 2.22 of the National Strategy for Women and Girls Action Plan 2026-2028, the safeguards for freedom of expression that will apply to any measure taken to combat "harmful content on social media"; and whether any viewpoint-neutrality standard will govern the identification of such content.

PQ60410/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2957. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the plans in place to increase HSE funding for supported living packages in order that community-based living can expand in line with identified need; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60291/26 | BARRY WARD

2958. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to the commitments in the Disability Action Plan, the work that has been carried out or the plans to help families who have an adult child with Down syndrome living at home and who has multiple care needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61005/26 | JOE NEVILLE

2959. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average annual State expenditure per child in foster care and in residential care in each of the past five years; the comparative costs of both models of care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59802/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2960. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the Before We Die campaign; if so, the engagement she has had with the group; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60261/26 | BARRY WARD

2961. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has undertaken, or plans to undertake a spending review examining the adequacy and effectiveness of current State supports for foster carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59810/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2962. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether an assessment has been undertaken by her Department of the economic value of foster carers' contribution to the care system, including the costs that would arise were equivalent placements to be provided through residential or alternative care settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59808/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2963. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the mechanism available to a family carer who considers that a decision-making arrangement under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 has failed to take adequate account of their long-term knowledge of the person concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61805/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2964. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if any review has been undertaken, or is planned, of the operation of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 as it affects adults with an intellectual disability and their family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61803/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2965. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the provision made, under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 as amended, for the knowledge and views of long-term family carers to be taken into account in decisions concerning an adult who requires decision-making support; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61800/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2966. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will provide an update on the matters raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61812/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

2967. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken to move from a system of emergency-response placement to one of planned, forward-notified residential provision for adults with a disability whose family carers are ageing; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61818/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2968. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if there is a national policy or standard providing that an adult with a disability be offered a residential or supported-living placement within their own county or community healthcare organisation area; the number of adults placed outside their county of origin in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61817/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2969. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if dedicated, multi-annual, ring-fenced funding has been allocated for the provision of new residential and supported-living places for adults with a disability; the amount ring-fenced in each of the years 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61816/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2970. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adults with a disability who were provided with a residential placement on an emergency basis, following the death, hospitalisation or incapacity of a family carer, as distinct from a planned placement, in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61815/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2971. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adults with a disability currently awaiting a residential placement, by community healthcare organisation and by length of time spent on the waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61814/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2972. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether consideration has been given to providing an independent review mechanism for children accommodated under voluntary care arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61080/26 | GRACE BOLAND

2973. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the level of staff vacancies across assessment of need teams within the Cork region; and the timeframe in which those vacancies will be filled, in tabular form.

PQ61069/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

2974. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department and bodies under her aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61576/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2975. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her plans to address respite care services in County Kerry, especially for those individuals with special needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60505/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

2976. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children waiting for psychology services through children's disability network teams in each RHA, in each of the past five years; the average and longest waiting time; the number waiting less than six months; six to 12 months; 12 to 24 months and more than 24 months; the number of referrals received; the number of children seen, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60548/26 | SORCA CLARKE

2977. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to report on progress to implement the national human rights strategy for disabled people; to report on the programme plan of action for the first two years; to provide this programme plan; to outline the way the key priority actions under each commitment will be delivered, and by whom; the timeframe for delivery, and relevant key performance indicators; and the progress to date.

PQ60767/26 | PA DALY

2978. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has examined the estimated Exchequer cost of index-linking foster care allowances to increases in core social welfare payments; and if she will provide details of any such assessment.

PQ59795/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2979. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if greater flexibility and parental discretion can be introduced to the early childhood care and education scheme in cases where a child misses the strict annual September age cut-off by a matter of days; if provisions can be considered to allow such children to access their full two-year preschool allocation without being forced to defer primary school entry to an age their parents deem inappropriate; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61842/26 | CATHAL CROWE

2980. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding provided to the HRB for 2023, 2024 and 2025; the amount that was spent producing the annual HRB overview of people engaging with disability services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61487/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

2981. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the youths killed in the M9 car crash recently were in State care at the time of the collision; and if not, if they were they missing from State care at the time of the collision.

PQ61924/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

2982. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a sufficient increase in core funding in the upcoming Budget for family resource centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61976/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

2983. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the merits of increasing childcare subsidy supports for parents of twins or other multiple births to account for the significant extra costs for childcare for those families; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61948/26 | BARRY WARD

2984. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any research ongoing into amending the allowances for parental leave for parents with multiple births (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61946/26 | BARRY WARD

2985. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason adult disability services are now located at a location (details supplied); the length of time adult disability services have been provided at this complex; the extra capacity created within this complex to cater for these adult services; the number of shared therapy rooms; the children services sharing therapy rooms with adult services; the number of hours per week that therapy rooms are being used by adult services; if childrens services are losing out due to extra demand being placed on the therapy rooms; the reason for this move; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62048/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2986. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in the context of the National Strategy for Women and Girls 2025–2030, the way in which her Department distinguishes between legitimate advocacy of traditional family life from misogynistic or coercive content; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62044/26 | BARRY WARD

2987. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions she is taking to support families who choose to have one parent work in the home; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62043/26 | BARRY WARD

2988. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to criticisms of the National Strategy for Women and Girls 2025–2030 in relation to the perceived criticism of working in the home; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62042/26 | BARRY WARD

2989. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any consultation with academics or other experts in relation to the publication of the National Strategy for Women and Girls 2025–2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62041/26 | BARRY WARD

2990. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais cén dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh chun cur leis an soláthar naíonraí agus chun stádas a thabhairt dóibh mar sheirbhís ar leith; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ62024/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

2991. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of concerns among childcare providers that the current AIM level seven capitation payment does not cover the full employment costs associated with hiring an additional staff member, including statutory employment costs; whether a review of the payment rate is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62142/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2992. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is considering the introduction of a dedicated apprenticeship pathway for the early years sector, similar to earn-while-you-learn models operating in other sectors, to address ongoing recruitment and retention difficulties in childcare services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62141/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2993. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will review the administrative burden placed on childcare providers under the national childcare scheme (NCS), including the requirement to record and verify weekly attendance hours for subsidy purposes; whether consideration is being given to a system whereby NCS supports are paid directly to parents while providers merely confirm enrolment and attendance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62140/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2994. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken to address lengthy Garda vetting delays for childcare workers, which providers report are contributing to staffing shortages and room closures; whether consideration is being given to a transferable vetting system for childcare employees moving between services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62138/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

2995. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports being provided to Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) structures, to respond to IPAS related service pressures in counties such as Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62189/26 | CAROL NOLAN

2996. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a review of the application of a person (details supplied) for recognition of overseas qualification for early learning and care can be commenced; and if officials in her Department will contact the applicant to assist in the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62173/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

2997. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures currently in place to support parents of twins, triplets and other multiple births through the maternity leave, paternity leave and parental leave system; whether the Government has examined the case for enhanced leave entitlements to reflect the additional care demands associated with multiple births; whether any legislative or policy changes are under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62211/26 | JOE COONEY

2998. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider providing for a public consultation on the merits of providing for additional statutory leave allowances from work, school or college for any woman that experiences significant menstrual pain and related health issues and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62267/26 | BARRY WARD

2999. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any research ongoing within her Department that seeks to provide for additional statutory leave allowances from work, school or college for any woman that experiences significant menstrual pain and related health issues and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62266/26 | BARRY WARD

3000. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to a public petition calling for additional statutory leave allowances from work, school or college for any woman that experiences significant menstrual pain and related health issues (details supplied) and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62265/26 | BARRY WARD

3001. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the merits of exploring a proposal to allow for additional statutory leave allowances from work, school or college for any woman that experiences significant menstrual pain and related health issues (details supplied) and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62264/26 | BARRY WARD

3002. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason the personal assistant services provided to a person (details supplied) were reduced from 35 to 20 hours per week; if this allocation will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62263/26 | MATT CARTHY

3003. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the age criteria for early childhood care education programme access; the options available to parents whose children are deemed too young by a matter of days; if consideration will be given to updating the age criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62355/26 | MARK WARD

3004. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in relation to the two years and eight months age threshold for admission to ECCE, if there are any pathways to participation for children who miss the 31 August date for the coming year by just two days; if alternatives are available to children in this circumstance given some will begin primary school before being able to avail of two years of ECCE; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62421/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

3005. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the basis on which Tusla can be satisfied that a family reunification has been successful where it does not subsequently monitor, contact or follow up with the child or family following reunification.

PQ62474/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3006. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any post-reunification welfare or safeguarding checks are conducted following the transfer of an unaccompanied minor to family members in Ireland or abroad; and if not, the rationale for this policy.

PQ62473/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3007. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the documentary evidence that is obtained to confirm that the individual receiving an unaccompanied minor is the verified family member identified during the reunification process.

PQ62472/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3008. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the specific procedures followed to verify that a child has been reunited with the intended family member before Tusla closes the case.

PQ62470/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3009. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether a Tusla official physically accompanies a child to the point of handover in all family reunification cases; and if not, the circumstances in which this does not occur.

PQ62471/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3010. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No's 2999, 3000, 2942, 2925 and 2946 of 28 July 2026, the estimated number of individual files that would need to be examined in order to provide the information requested.

PQ62469/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3011. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which Tusla exercises strategic oversight of separated children seeking international protection where key outcome information is held solely on individual case files and not collated centrally.

PQ62467/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3012. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla maintains a centrally accessible database recording the outcome of each unaccompanied minor referred to the Separated Children Seeking International Protection service; and if not, the reason such information is held only on individual case files.

PQ62466/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3013. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Tusla can account for the final recorded outcome of every unaccompanied minor referred to the Agency since 2022; and, if not, the number for whom no final outcome has been recorded centrally.

PQ62476/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3014. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of safeguarding concerns reported to Tusla following the reunification of an unaccompanied minor with family members in each year since 2022 to date in 2026.

PQ62475/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3015. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has considered amending the national childcare scheme to allow the subsidy to be based on the number of childcare hours agreed between a parent and registered provider under a childcare contract, rather than requiring providers to reconcile NCS payments against the hours a child actually attends, following a principal seen in the Dutch kinderopvangtoeslag system; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62548/26 | EMER CURRIE

3016. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on her Departments efforts to reduce the waiting times for disability services specifically in Dublin West; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62543/26 | EMER CURRIE

3017. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding access to an appropriate residential placement for a person (details supplied); and if the HSE will urgently review this case and engage directly with the person's family regarding available options and anticipated timeframe for discharge.

PQ62591/26 | GARY GANNON

3018. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of the transposition of the EU Pay Transparency Directive into Irish law; when the relevant legislation is expected to be fully transposed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62619/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3019. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of childcare services registered with Tusla in the Dublin Bay North constituency; the number currently participating in core funding; the number not participating, by type of service, including full day care, part-time, sessional and school-age childcare, showing separately the number participating and not participating in core funding for each category, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62630/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3020. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 920 of 12 May 2026, to confirm in a yes or no answer whether Tusla requires private providers of residential childcare placements to disclose their profit margins as part of the tendering or contracting process; and whether any profit-margin information is sought, held or verified by Tusla.

PQ62648/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3021. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 920 of 12 May 2026, the set and fixed cost per placement published as part of the most recent private residential childcare tender competition, broken down by service category.

PQ62649/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3022. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 920 of 12 May 2026, whether the desktop review of providers' audited financial statements examines the profit earned by providers on State-funded placements; and whether Tusla holds any aggregate data on the profit earned by private providers from State residential childcare contracts.

PQ62651/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3023. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total amount paid by Tusla to private providers of residential childcare in 2024 and in 2025; the number of placements funded in each year; and the average annual cost per private residential placement.

PQ62650/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3024. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps her Department has taken to resolve the industrial dispute at Oberstown Children Detention Campus and ensure the safety of both the staff and the young people in their care.

PQ62687/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3025. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason funding cannot be given to an individual with disabilities to transport them to an adult day service where a place has been offered.

PQ62691/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

3026. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has assessed the financial costs incurred by families in establishing decision-making arrangements under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; the extent to which families are required to engage solicitors and barristers in order to navigate the process; if measures are being considered to reduce costs and administrative burdens on family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62705/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3027. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures that have been taken by her Department to support parents and family carers of adults with intellectual disabilities in navigating the provisions of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; whether her Department has undertaken any review of the impact of the Act on lifelong family carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62723/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3028. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she plans to introduce additional measures to help working families with multiple children in private childcare who remain above the revised national childcare scheme (NCS) income-assessed threshold; if she will consider increasing the universal subsidy rate to align with the actual market costs of care for this group; if her Department will evaluate the financial impact of rising fees on multi-child households currently excluded from means-tested support as part of the ongoing review of the NCS and in preparation for Budget 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62726/26 | CATHAL CROWE

3029. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the merits of the provision of emergency funding for housing and full-time care for the adult children of ageing parents; if this is under consideration within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60267/26 | BARRY WARD

3030. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps taken to implement the findings of the HRB/NASS annual bulletin on people engaging with disability services, in relation to accommodation provision for adults with intellectual disabilities, for each year from 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61481/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

3031. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to PQ62752/26, the breakdown, of each project, by location, description, approved capital budget, expenditure in 2026 to date (details supplied); the expected construction commencement date where works have not commenced; the expected completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62753/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

3032. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide, in respect of the HSE capital allocation for disability services for 2026, the total capital allocation for the year; the total expenditure incurred and paid to date in 2026; the total amount committed but not yet expended; and a detailed breakdown of expenditure to date between construction and building works, design and architectural services, engineering and other professional consultancy services, planning, surveys, feasibility studies and project management, site/property acquisition, equipment and fit-out, and all other expenditure.

PQ62752/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

3033. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she has assessed the interaction between the Employment Equality Acts, the constitutional protection of freedom of conscience and religion, and the rights of children and parents where an individual's asserted gender identity conflicts with another person's sincerely held religious, philosophical or conscientious beliefs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61251/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3034. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the protections that exist under Irish law for an employee's sincerely held religious, philosophical or conscientious beliefs where the employee is requested or required, in the course of their employment, to use a name, title or pronoun which conflicts with those beliefs; whether an employee can lawfully be compelled to do so; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61250/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3035. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the funding scheme there may be to support the implementation of publicly accessible play amenities in local communities for older children and young adults with profound intellectual disabilities; if she plans to develop such a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62319/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

3036. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of funding and delivery of residential places for adults with an intellectual disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60264/26 | BARRY WARD

3037. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adults in Laois and Offaly currently awaiting speech and language therapy assessment or intervention under the HSE Adult Intellectual Disability Service; the average waiting time; the way in which these figures have been impacted by the absence of any speech and language therapist in post; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61882/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3038. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will confirm the reason the HSE Laois/Offaly Adult Intellectual Disability Service currently has no speech and language therapist in post; the length of time the post has been vacant; and the steps being taken to fill the vacancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61881/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3039. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when the HSE expects to appoint a speech and language therapist to the Laois/Offaly Adult Intellectual Disability Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61883/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3040. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the case of a child (details supplied) who having been referred two years ago for an assessment of need at the St. Gabriel's Foundation in Limerick has yet to receive an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62321/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

3041. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of engagement she has had with disability charities and other advocacy groups in relation to the provision of supported living for people with intellectual disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60286/26 | BARRY WARD

3042. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to the provision of supported living for people with intellectual disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60284/26 | BARRY WARD

3043. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of the HSE in relation to a shortfall in funding to meet the demand for supported living for people with intellectual disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60279/26 | BARRY WARD

3044. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the actions she is taking to address the shortfall in demand for supported living for people with intellectual disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60275/26 | BARRY WARD

3045. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will outline the policy regarding the reassessment of residents living in independent or supported living arrangements provided by an organisation (details supplied); the frequency with which such assessments are conducted; the criteria used to determine whether a person should transition to full-time residential care; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62118/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3046. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the capital funding provided for a facility (details supplied), by year from 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ62230/26 | EMER CURRIE

3047. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will commit to publishing the prior information notice for Teach an Saol by the end of September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61400/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

3048. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of service providers (details supplied) that made the necessary annual returns to the HRB/NASS in each of the past two years; the number that did not make the necessary annual returns in each of those years; the steps being taken to secure full compliance from service providers in submitting the data needed for an accurate annual bulletin; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61486/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

3049. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether, under the Employment Equality Acts, an employer is prohibited from undertaking a review of an employee's suitability for their existing role following a change in the employee's gender identity, where the review is based on objectively identifiable requirements of the role rather than the employee's gender identity itself; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61249/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3050. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she intends to introduce minimum notice periods for changes to CYPSC related funding streams to ensure adequate workforce planning and programme delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62190/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3051. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department has undertaken an assessment of the long-term fiscal benefits associated with investment in foster care, including the potential cost savings arising from improved placement stability and reduced reliance on more expensive residential care settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59793/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3052. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the number of people currently resident in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61641/26 | BARRY WARD

3053. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any plans to expand the capacity for juvenile detention at any location other than Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61653/26 | BARRY WARD

3054. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if Oberstown Children Detention Campus is currently overcapacity; if so, if the details will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61648/26 | BARRY WARD

3055. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people who, between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025, were transferred from Oberstown to a prison and were placed on a standard regime upon committal.

PQ60607/26 | IVANA BACIK

3056. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any plans to expand the level of rehabilitation services available in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61652/26 | BARRY WARD

3057. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any plans to expand the number of spaces available in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61649/26 | BARRY WARD

3058. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the gender breakdown of residents in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61643/26 | BARRY WARD

3059. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address concerns regarding the Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 in cases involving adults severe intellectual disabilities and complex additional needs, particularly where parents who have been lifelong carers are no longer formally recognised in decision making processes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62805/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3060. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if consideration will be given to including children associated with St Patrick's Guild who spent time at Temple Hill, Blackrock, within the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; if she will examine the circumstances of children who were placed at Temple Hill through or in connection with St Patrick's Guild and who are currently excluded from the scheme; if consideration will be given to adding Temple Hill to Schedule 1 of the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Act 2023.

PQ62890/26 | PA DALY

3061. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to the approval in principal if she can provide an update on the State-led Early Learning and Childcare Capital Programme application (details supplied).

PQ62909/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

3062. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if, for the purposes of State equality policy and programmes, a person can establish that they belong to a particular racial or ethnic group solely by self-identification; if not, to specify what additional criteria or evidence are required; if she will clarify whether self-identification alone is sufficient for a person to establish their gender identity for the same purposes; and the basis for applying different criteria.

PQ62996/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3063. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total expenditure by her Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62956/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3064. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average annual cost of detaining a person in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; the way this cost is calculated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63019/26 | BARRY WARD

3065. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any mechanism to calculate the number of detainees that age out or leave Oberstown Children Detention Campus for any reason and then are imprisoned in an adult prison at any future point; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63017/26 | BARRY WARD

3066. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the recidivism rate for detainees in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63015/26 | BARRY WARD

3067. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding any engagement she has had with the Chair of the Board of Management of the Oberstown Children's Detention Campus, in relation to her commitment to provide measurable success and benefit to the lives of children in detention in this facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63022/26 | BARRY WARD

3068. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her attention has been drawn to the commitment by the Chair of the Board of Management of the Oberstown Children's Detention Campus (details supplied), in relation to measurable success and benefit to the lives of children in detention in this facility; if this has been achieved in the interim period; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63021/26 | BARRY WARD

3069. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way in which success or targets are calculated in relation to the operation of Oberstown Children Detention Campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63020/26 | BARRY WARD

3070. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress made in delivering the relevant commitments under the Programme for Government and the Disability Capacity Review in respect of supported living and residential disability services; to outline existing and planned capacity in County Kildare, including in Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Kilcock; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63078/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

3071. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being taken to support adults with intellectual disabilities living with ageing family carers to transition to independent, supported or community-based living arrangements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63076/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

3072. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the progress made on delivering the Programme for Government commitment to expand independent living options for persons with disabilities; the indicators being used to measure delivery of this commitment; the position regarding community-based living capacity in Kildare North, particularly the work of organisations such as an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63074/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

3073. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in her Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62987/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3074. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the availability of funding for a residential placement for a young adult with disabilities in County Kerry who has recently been offered a place at a location (details supplied); if she will ensure that the necessary HSE funding is approved without delay to allow the placement to proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63133/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3075. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has engaged with disability organisations, family carers or representative groups regarding concerns that the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 may create practical barriers to accessing routine medical and dental treatment for adults with intellectual disabilities; if any legislative, administrative or policy changes are being considered in response; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62728/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3076. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on a matter (details supplied).

PQ62862/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3077. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department is considering additional supports for families with school aged children in the context of Budget 2027 given the current NCS rate for school aged children is €2.14 has not increased in a number of years; and if her Department has proposals to increase the rate for school aged children and those availing of afterschool services.

PQ63173/26 | ROBERT TROY

3078. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason children that spent time at Temple Hill have been excluded from the redress scheme for mother and baby institutions.

PQ63184/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

3079. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the operational capacity, average daily population and occupancy rate of Oberstown Children Detention Centre in each of the past five years and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ62342/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3080. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps she has taken to increase the number of applications under the mother and baby institutions payment scheme; the campaigns her Department have run in relation to outreach and/or awareness; if assistance has been offered to survivors in the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ63220/26 | BARRY WARD

3081. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether any engagement has taken place between her Department, the Department of Finance and disability advocacy organisations regarding the extension of eligibility for transport-related supports to persons who are legally blind; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63239/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3082. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to ensure FRCs receive minimum core funding and a dedicated capital funding stream (details supplied) with strong investment in counselling and therapeutic supports in line with their pre budget submission; and she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63212/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3083. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to request her Department to examine the case of a facility case (details supplied) and ensure that adequate funding is provided.

PQ63333/26 | PAUL MURPHY

3084. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in her Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63344/26 | GED NASH

3085. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of adults with intellectual disabilities in County Kildare awaiting residential placements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63401/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

3086. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider and respond to concerns regarding the redesign of AIM Level 7 (details supplied); if a comprehensive explanation will be provided to each point raised; if a review will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63371/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

3087. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm the average and maximum time taken to approve each of the above-rate private residential placements in 2025, rather than a single placement; and whether any child experienced any delay, disruption or interim placement pending above-rate approval in 2025 or 2026.

PQ63438/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3088. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality notwithstanding that full collation is described as a significant manual task, to provide the number of residential placements in 2025 where only one provider had an available vacancy at the time of placement, confined to the five above-rate placements identified in 2025 and 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63437/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3089. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the way Tusla reconciles its statement that above-rate placements are subject to a robust pre-approval process with its confirmation that no audit trail for above-rate approvals exists; and whether a complete documentary record for any single above-rate approval made since 2024 can be produced on request.

PQ63436/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3090. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide, for each of the four above-rate private residential placements in 2025, the service category; the standard rate applied; the additional amount approved; the total cost; and the grade of the approving officer, in tabular form.

PQ63435/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3091. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality in respect of the single above-rate private residential placement to date in 2026 carrying additional cost of €638,000; the service category applied, the standard rate applicable; the total annualised cost of the placement inclusive of the additional amount; the number of children covered; and the grade of the officer who approved the additional cost.

PQ63434/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3092. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under her Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63446/26 | GED NASH

3093. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2830 of 28 July 2026, for an update on efforts to repurpose an unfilled post into a dietician post in North Tipperary CDNT.

PQ63201/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3094. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to review correspondence in relation to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60220/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

3095. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by her Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63471/26 | JOE NEVILLE

3096. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of the proposed Equality (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2025 and the proposed Gender Pay Gap Information (Amendment) Bill; whether it is intended that both Bills will be published before the end of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63549/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

3097. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 245 of 1 July 2026, (details supplied) confirming that no published threshold and no audit trail for above-rate residential placement approvals has been identified on Tusla's risk register

or internal audit plan, what specific steps Tusla will take to establish a published threshold and a documented audit trail for such approvals; the target date; and whether above-rate approvals will now be brought within the scope of Tusla's internal audit plan.

PQ63433/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3098. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on the need for a publicly available database of childcare and early years providers, aggregated and classified by service, in terms of full day care, sessional, part time and after school childcare; those in Core Funding, those not in Core Funding and those that have left Core Funding, by type of provider; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63778/26 | IVANA BACIK

3099. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the total Exchequer investment in early learning education and care in each year from 2021 to 2026; the equivalent percentage of GDP and GNI represented by that investment in each year; and the estimated additional annual investment required to bring public spending on early learning and childcare to 1% of GNI.

PQ63895/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

3100. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the need for afterschool places for primary school going children in Dublin 9; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63899/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3101. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the access and inclusion mode (AIM) has been extended beyond ECCE years; the range of services which are made available within ECCE under AIM; the range of services that are now on offer for other childcare settings; and the way in which the number of children served under each element of the programme has grown as a result of the change.

PQ63887/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3102. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the eligibility criteria for a child to participate in the free early childhood care and education scheme; and the hourly or weekly rate payable to providers that deliver service under the scheme.

PQ63886/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3103. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the Government's current position regarding the extension of statutory paid paternity leave; whether consideration is being given to increasing the current entitlement of two weeks' paid paternity leave to eight weeks or a comparable period; whether any review of Ireland's paternity leave provisions has been undertaken in view of arrangements available in other European jurisdictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63230/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

3104. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the core funding levels of support per hour to childcare providers; the payments for specific additional elements delivered, which will apply for the coming school year; the level of increase in each case compared to last year; and the estimated number of providers and children served by those who have continued operating under the scheme and by those who have left the scheme.

PQ63884/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3105. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the provision that exists under employment and equality legislation for an employer to undertake a fresh assessment of an employee's suitability for their existing role where the employee undergoes a significant change in circumstances during the course of their employment; whether such an assessment may take account of the requirements of the particular role and the legitimate interests of other persons affected by the employment relationship; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61248/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3106. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the maximum level of hourly support paid under the NCS in different age categories for those on lowest incomes allowing the highest rate of payment; the rate for those at the highest level of income who still qualify for some premium over the universal rate; and if she will indicate the way in which the intermediate rate payable to a particular family is calculated.

PQ63885/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3107. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current weekly foster care allowance paid by Tusla in respect of a child under 12 years-of-age and in respect of a child aged 12 years and over; the basis on which this allowance is set; the reason it substantially exceeds the weekly guardian's payment made in respect of a child who cannot be cared for by their parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63970/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3108. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the work which is ongoing in her Department on developing Ireland's pathway to incorporation of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Irish Law; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63929/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3109. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the waiting times for an assessment of need in County Offaly.

PQ64082/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

3110. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the Disability Capacity review to 2032, published in 2021, has been updated to take account of the current number and profile of children accessing disability services; and the most recent year of data currently used by her Department to project future demand for adult disability services.

PQ64085/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

3111. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 327 of 15 April 2026, for an update on the implementation of actions to address the wider issue of access to services and supports for children with disabilities including but not limited to the single point of access referral model.

PQ64083/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

3112. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether her Department or the HSE has carried out an assessment of the projected level of demand for adult disability services over the next five, ten, 15, and 20 years respectively or otherwise determined duration, having regard to the number, age profile and assessed level of need of children currently accessing disability services; and if the projected requirement has been broken down by services required such as but not limited to adult day services, residential services, respite, personal assistance, home support and multidisciplinary therapies.

PQ64084/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

3113. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if a respite house for children (details supplied) can be open on a seven day a week basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63954/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

3114. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reasons for the shortage of qualified professionals in the areas of occupational therapy, dietetics, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, psychology and psychotherapy; whether she is concerned that these shortages are contributing to long-standing vacancies within Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNTs), including in Gorey CDNT where vacancies have reportedly remained unfilled for over 55 months; the measures being taken to recruit and retain staff in these disciplines; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63574/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

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3115. To ask the Minister for Health the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59569/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3116. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied).

PQ59576/26 | ROBERT TROY

3117. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in County Galway; and the staffing levels across CAMHS teams in the county, including vacancies and recruitment plans.

PQ59545/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3118. To ask the Minister for Health to detail the induction and caesarean rates at University Maternity Hospital Limerick for the months of June 2025 to July 2026 inclusive.

PQ59547/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

3119. To ask the Minister for Health if the offer of membrane sweeps prior to week 40 of pregnancy, without medical indication, is a standard maternity policy at University Maternity Hospital Limerick.

PQ59548/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

3120. To ask the Minister for Health to include type two diabetes as an illness under the long-term illness scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59583/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3121. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to concerns related to the supply of a medical device in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59588/26 | BARRY WARD

3122. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the mechanisms in place when a specific medical device is not available due to an international shortage or any other reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59590/26 | BARRY WARD

3123. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to the supply of a medical device in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59597/26 | BARRY WARD

3124. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will be seeking additional funding in Budget 2027 to support new and expanded dementia specific day care services in communities; if additional funding will be sought to support increased home care hours for patients with dementia; and if there will be an expansion of the day care at home service.

PQ59598/26 | ROBERT TROY

3125. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person's (details supplied) appointments have been switched from their local hospital in Dundalk to Navan, causing the person considerable transport difficulties; if these appointments will be accommodated at the Louth Hospital in Dundalk; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ59615/26 | GED NASH

3126. To ask the Minister for Health for a progress report on the implementation of the Rheumatology Model of Care for Sjogren's Disease sufferers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59640/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

3127. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the urgent circumstances of a person (details supplied); if she will liaise with the HSE and the relevant services regarding the person's application under the nursing homes support scheme (Fair Deal); if every effort will be made to secure an appropriate nursing home placement as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59676/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3128. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm whether Saint Marie Goretti Ward at the HSE Cluain Lir Care Centre in Mullingar is to close; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59701/26 | ROBERT TROY

3129. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a status update and launch date for each of the remaining five promised eating disorder teams required to bring the national total from 11 to the promised 16, with specific reference to the proposed CAMHS eating disorder team intended to cover Clare, Limerick, and Tipperary; if she will outline the exact roadmap for when patients in the Mid-West will gain access to these localized, specialist services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59734/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

3130. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the draft design guide for residential long-term care, given that the consultation process ended in February 2024; when the guide will come into operation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59719/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

3131. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider extending the upper age limit for BreastCheck screening beyond 69 years of age, in view of increasing life expectancy, the incidence of breast cancer among older women, and the potential benefits of early detection; whether a review of the current age eligibility criteria is planned, and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59756/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3132. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure women can continue to access consultant-led continuity of maternity care under Sláintecare, particularly in high-risk pregnancies, and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59759/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3133. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate measures being taken to support children experiencing acute mental health crises who are awaiting CAMHS inpatient admission and are being accommodated in emergency departments or paediatric wards; the interim therapeutic supports that are available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59716/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

3134. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time a person waits from when they first apply to the treatment abroad scheme to when they receive their surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59765/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

3135. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of CAMHS inpatient beds nationally, including registered beds, operational beds, and closed beds; the reasons those beds remain non-operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59776/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

3136. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children awaiting CAMHS inpatient admission; the average waiting time; the number waiting longer than three, six and twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59779/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

3137. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a regional health area breakdown of children currently awaiting CAMHS inpatient admission, including the number awaiting admission in each region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59783/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

3138. To ask the Minister for Health the reason people assessed as requiring home support are being refused or delayed due to funding being exhausted; the immediate action that will be taken to ensure that no person living with dementia is left without the care they have been assessed as needing; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59809/26 | JEN CUMMINS

3139. To ask the Minister for Health to engage with women, clinicians, hospital boards and all relevant stakeholders to find a solution that protects women's access to private maternity care (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59816/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3140. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide additional funding to address the waiting lists in Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59846/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3141. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an audiology appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59842/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3142. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding approval of skylarys for people with Friedreich's Ataxia by the HSE; to review the decision by the HSE to not cover the cost of this drug (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59693/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

3143. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the establishment of a primary care centre in Terenure, Dublin.

PQ59932/26 | EOIN HAYES

3144. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement that she has had with advocacy groups in relation to the introduction of the medication called Givinostat to treat patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; the actions she will take to expedite this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59961/26 | BARRY WARD

3145. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the outcome of any meetings of the HSE drug approval group in relation to a medication (details supplied) to treat patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; the actions she will take to expedite this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ59965/26 | BARRY WARD

3146. To ask the Minister for Health To ask the Minister for Health for an update on her plans to introduce a legislative ban on sunbeds; a timeline for this plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59601/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3147. To ask the Minister for Health the reason people with dementia are not routinely assessed for disability services based on their functional need given that the HSE recognises dementia is not a normal part of ageing; and if she will commit to ensuring that access to supports is determined by need rather than diagnosis.

PQ60027/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

3148. To ask the Minister for Health if she will introduce new regulations obliging all nursing homes, both public and private, to maintain a minimum staff-to-resident ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60040/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3149. To ask the Minister for Health if she will introduce a mandatory system whereby reviews of residents' medical notes are required as part of all nursing home audits and inspections; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60042/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3150. To ask the Minister for Health whether preventative health measures, including immunisation programmes and population screening initiatives, have been considered for inclusion as part of Ireland's medium-term fiscal and structural plan and annual progress reports under the revised EU Economic Governance Framework (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60041/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3151. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the proposed statutory home care scheme; if consideration is being given to developing a scheme similar to the nursing home support scheme (fair deal) to support people to receive care in their own homes; the timeline for its introduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60048/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3152. To ask the Minister for Health the policy of her Department regarding reducing reliance on private nursing homes; the measures being taken to increase the availability of community-led nursing homes and home care services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60051/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3153. To ask the Minister for Health whether she 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.

PQ60087/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

3154. To ask the Minister for Health whether she considers blanket overnight partner restrictions after childbirth acceptable; whether exceptions will be considered for private rooms, caesarean sections, traumatic births, anxiety, breastfeeding difficulties, mobility issues or other clinical and emotional support needs and whether she 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.

PQ60092/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

3155. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing automatic entitlement to a free medical card for all persons aged over 75 years-of-age, and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60116/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3156. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the primary care centre developments in Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth, including the timelines for opening and expected service capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60117/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

3157. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider extending the drugs payment scheme to include essential self-care products, including incontinence wear and personal sanitary products, for persons who do not hold a medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60119/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3158. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the approval of omaveloxolone for reimbursement by the HSE.

PQ60121/26 | MARIAN HARKIN

3159. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider establishing a dedicated women's health unit at Louth County Hospital, Dundalk, incorporating services such as a sexual assault treatment unit, BreastCheck services and menopause clinics, in order to improve access to women's healthcare services in the north-east region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60123/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3160. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider introducing an automatic renewal process for services medical cards held by qualifying organisations and service providers; if she is aware of the case of an organisation (details supplied) whose service medical card expired in November and despite seeking renewal, was still awaiting a decision as of last week, resulting in the organisation having to cover healthcare costs from its own resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60126/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3161. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place for the follow-up care, monitoring and management of patients who undergo surgical procedures abroad under the Cross Border Directive; the supports available to patients who subsequently develop complications following their return to Ireland; who is responsible for coordinating their ongoing care; whether data is collected on complications and adverse outcomes arising from procedures undertaken under the Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60131/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3162. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the bronchoscopy service from Naas General Hospital was withdrawn; whether plans are in place to reinstate the service; the impact this could have on patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60133/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

3163. To ask the Minister for Health following the University Limerick evaluation report into the community access support team pilot project in Limerick; her plans to transition the pilot to a formally established national interagency crisis response service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60031/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

3164. To ask the Minister for Health if the Department or the Health Service Executive collects or publishes data on the average time from first symptomatic presentation to confirmed diagnosis of endometriosis; if not, whether the Department intends to begin measuring diagnostic delay as a performance indicator under the National Framework for the Management of Endometriosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60179/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3165. To ask the Minister for Health the persons appointed to membership of the Clinical Trials Advisory Council; the stream and category of membership under which each was appointed; the institutions or organisations with which they are affiliated and the geographic distribution of those institutions; the date on which the Council was formally established; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60176/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

3166. To ask the Minister for Health the reason suicidal ideation alone does not meet the eligibility criteria for CAMHS; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60132/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3167. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she is taking to support individuals with dual diagnosis; the progress made in implementing the clinical programme and model of care for dual diagnosis; to identify current regional gaps in the coverage of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60145/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3168. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to determine whether a medical condition is included in the long-term illness scheme; whether the lifelong nature of a condition, or the need for ongoing medication and specialist monitoring, are considered as part of that assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59718/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3169. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment.

PQ60141/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

3170. To ask the Minister for Health the treatment pathways the HSE offers to those who have received an adult ADHD private diagnosis in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60127/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

3171. To ask the Minister for Health the supports, including treatment schemes available for women diagnosed with adenomyosis; the measures she is taking to ensure timely treatment for women; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60213/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

3172. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to a case (details supplied); the actions she is taking to ensure that situations like this cannot arise again; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60207/26 | BARRY WARD

3173. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1058 of 28 April 2026, the written, documented enforcement procedure that applies where a non-statutory body in receipt of direct Departmental funding, including the Institute of Public Health, is found to be in breach of the governance provisions of its Oversight Agreement (details supplied).

PQ60224/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young people currently awaiting access to CAMHS at the end of June 2026 and the end of July 2026, by county; and the longest waiting times per county, in tabular form.

PQ60143/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3175. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1058 of 28 April 2026, the means by which her Department verifies the compliance of the Institute of Public Health with the governance provisions of its Oversight Agreement; if verification is by self-attestation,

departmental desk review, or independent audit; the frequency of such verification; whether any formal mechanism exists to record instances of non-compliance; and, if such a mechanism exists, the date on which it was established.

PQ60228/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant posts that have remained vacant for more than 12 months, by specialty; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60189/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3177. To ask the Minister for Health whether all appointments to the Clinical Trials Advisory Council have been completed; if not, the number of positions that remain to be filled and the streams or categories of membership to which they relate; the number of expressions of interest received in response to the call which closed on 20 April 2026; the timeline for completing the membership, for the first meeting of the Council and for the agreement of its terms of reference; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60177/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

3178. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to address lung fibrosis, a life-limiting condition affecting over 5,000 people in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60163/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3179. To ask the Minister for Health further to the principle of presumed diagnosis set out in the National Framework for the Management of Endometriosis published on 18 October 2025, what mechanisms exist to ensure that patients with a confirmed diagnosis of severe endometriosis who present with persistent or recurrent pelvic pain are offered further clinical investigation rather than reassurance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60180/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3180. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of patients on waiting lists for the two supra-regional specialist endometriosis centres at Cork University Maternity Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital respectively; the number waiting over 12 months at each; the median waiting time from referral to first appointment at each centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60181/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients approved under the Endometriosis Surgery Abroad Interim Scheme in each year since its introduction; the total expenditure under the scheme to date; the number of patients who have travelled abroad for endometriosis surgery under any scheme in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025; and, given that the Health Service Executive has stated it does not record a specific breakdown for endometriosis, when the Department expects this data gap to be closed.

PQ60184/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3182. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the endometriosis education programme announced in March 2026, including the number of general practitioners and hospital clinicians who have completed training to date; whether any element of endometriosis awareness training is mandatory within general practice or gynaecology continuing professional development; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60191/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3183. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3355 of 28 July 2026, the position regarding the new model of trans healthcare; if it will be based on the principles of informed consent and in line with international best practice as established by World Professional Association for Transgender Health; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60241/26 | BARRY WARD

3184. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60192/26 | BARRY WARD

3185. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3355 of 28 July 2026, her views of the concerns raised by members of the trans community in relation to the make up of experts contributing to the development of the new model of trans healthcare; her views that it is important to include the voices of members of the trans community as part of this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60242/26 | BARRY WARD

3186. To ask the Minister for Health if she will facilitate a meeting with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the implementation of the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60195/26 | BARRY WARD

3187. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3355 of 28 July 2026, the position regarding interim guidance provided to GPs in relation to trans healthcare including bridging prescriptions and blood tests, while the new model of care is being developed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60247/26 | BARRY WARD

3188. To ask the Minister for Health the defined care pathway available to patients following a confirmed diagnosis of severe endometriosis, including access to pain management, specialist nursing, physiotherapy and psychological support; the level of dedicated funding allocated to endometriosis research in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60193/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3189. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the review process behind the implementation of the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60196/26 | BARRY WARD

3190. To ask the Minister for Health to give consider to including the cost of the shingles vaccine under medical card cover (details supplied).

PQ60198/26 | ROBERT TROY

3191. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a timeline for the implementation of the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60199/26 | BARRY WARD

3192. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the minor injuries unit for Killarney, east, mid and south Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60256/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3193. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the HSE's national environmental health service online portal for registering tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products, whether the statutory tax-clearance requirement was successfully verified before every licence was issued; whether licences were issued as a result of a defect, omission or administrative error in the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60294/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3194. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding her plans to deliver on commitments related to independent community living where the availability of supported housing is significantly constrained by funding and provider capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60306/26 | BARRY WARD

3195. To ask the Minister for Health if she has given consideration to the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; and if she intends to implement the care pathway.

PQ60280/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3196. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 916 of 14 July 2026, to provide a further breakdown of Cork's SATU incident data for Tipperary, Clare and Limerick for the years 2017 to present, by year and county, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60328/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3197. To ask the Minister for Health whether chronic hepatitis B will be formally assessed for inclusion in the long-term illness scheme; when the list of qualifying conditions was last clinically reviewed; and what criteria are used to add conditions to the scheme.

PQ60339/26 | TOM BRABAZON

3198. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the HSE's national environmental health service online portal for registering tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products, whether the HSE manually reviewed and confirmed the Revenue verification result before each licence was issued; if the system issue licences automatically based on the information entered by the applicant; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60304/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3199. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reports (details supplied); the policy governing such circumstances; whether patients should incur additional costs arising solely from medicine shortages outside of their control; whether her Department and the HSE will review these arrangements to ensure that equivalent medicines supplied are covered under the drugs payment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60398/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

3200. To ask the Minister for Health whether any interim, expedited, or alternative public pathway exists for children with the highest-priority orthodontic assessments (details supplied).

PQ60405/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

3201. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to implement a national multidisciplinary care pathway for people living with Huntington's disease; whether a timeline has been agreed for the establishment of such a pathway; whether additional funding will be provided to expand specialist services beyond the current national clinical nurse specialist model; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60415/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

3202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent specialist staff currently dedicated to Huntington's disease services nationally; whether there are plans to establish additional multidisciplinary teams, including neurology, nursing, psychology, psychiatry, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy; the estimated cost of implementing a national Huntington's disease care pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60423/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

3203. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to implement the updated Huntington's Disease Care Pathway that has been recently submitted to the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60498/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3204. To ask the Minister for Health the reason some people who are in receipt of a survivor's pension under the HSE pension scheme do not receive their monthly payment until approximately two weeks after it is due; if the payment schedule will be reviewed to ensure pensions are paid on time each month; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60507/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3205. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the STOP-CVD pilot being delivered by the Health Service Executive under the EU joint action on cardiovascular diseases and diabetes; the number of persons screened under the pilot to date; the sites at which it operates; the date on which it is expected to report; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60536/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3206. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated to the STOP-CVD pilot, distinguishing between European Union and Exchequer funding; if the service evaluation will address the cost effectiveness of scaling the model nationally, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60538/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients registered under the chronic disease management prevention programme; the number of assessments completed under the opportunistic case finding programme, in each year since commencement, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60540/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3208. To ask the Minister for Health the annual expenditure on each element of the structured chronic disease management programme, namely the treatment programme, the prevention programme and the opportunistic case finding programme, in each year from 2020 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60545/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3209. To ask the Minister for Health if additional resources will be made available to implement the care pathway for Huntington's disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60575/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

3210. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of adults aged 40 and over who do not hold a medical card, a GP visit card or a health amendment act card, broken down by age cohort and by health region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60547/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3211. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has examined population cardiovascular health check programmes operating in other jurisdictions, including the programme in England under which adults aged 40 to 74 are invited for assessment every five years; if any such examination has considered applicability in this State; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60550/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3212. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals which currently operate a medical assessment unit, by hospital and county; those in which it is planned to deliver such; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60585/26 | CATHY BENNETT

3213. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE in cardiology allocated to Cavan and Monaghan hospitals, by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60586/26 | CATHY BENNETT

3214. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of a care pathway for huntington's disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60589/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3215. To ask the Minister for Health to forward a detailed progress report in regard to the Home Support Service in relation to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60595/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3216. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a primary care psychology appointment as of the end of July 2026; and the number of children waiting over a year, by RHA, in tabular form.

PQ60610/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3217. To ask the Minister for Health the exact number of CAMHS teams operating nationally at present and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60623/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3218. To ask the Minister for Health the current average fully loaded cost per patient per day of an acute hospital bed in the public hospital system; whether this figure has been updated since the publication of the 2019 estimate of €878 per patient per day; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60637/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3219. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost per patient per day of an acute hospital bed, excluding the costs of clinical treatment, diagnostics, procedures, medications and other direct patient care costs; the methodology used to calculate this figure; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60632/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3220. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE or her Department publishes or maintains standard unit costs for individual components of acute hospital care, including accommodation or "bed day" costs excluding treatment; whether consideration is being given to increasing transparency in the publication of hospital unit costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60640/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of modified IOTN grade 5 patients on orthodontic treatment waiting lists, by region and time band; and whether the private provider waiting list initiative currently accepts grade 5 referrals.

PQ60644/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

3222. To ask the Minister for Health if the 2024 grade 5 tender (orthodontic treatment) has been completed; and the details of the resultant resources assigned to each region.

PQ60648/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

3223. To ask the Minister for Health the exact number of inpatient CAMHS places; the exact number that are operational and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60647/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3224. To ask the Minister for Health the grade 5 orthodontic treatment waiting list details for individuals in each region.

PQ60649/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

3225. To ask the Minister for Health the number of early intervention in psychosis teams.

PQ60650/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3226. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on her Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60668/26 | GED NASH

3227. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the health service of tobacco and nicotine related illnesses each year.

PQ60703/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

3228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that have closed in each year since 2018, broken down by county and by whether the home was public, private or voluntary; the number of registered beds lost as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60723/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3229. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home beds registered under the nursing homes support scheme in each of the years 2018 to 2026 to date, broken down by county; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60728/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3230. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost to the State per resident per week of a bed in a public or voluntary nursing home compared with the average agreed Fair Deal rate paid per resident per week to private nursing homes, in each of the years 2022 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60730/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3231. To ask the Minister for Health the total additional funding provided to public and voluntary nursing homes outside the agreed Fair Deal rate in each of the years 2022 to 2025, including any fixed and unit cost allocations, expressed as an average per bed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60731/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3232. To ask the Minister for Health the methodology and criteria used by the National Treatment Purchase Fund in negotiating and setting Fair Deal rates for private and voluntary nursing homes; whether that methodology is published in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60732/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3233. To ask the Minister for Health the average agreed Fair Deal rate per resident per week in each county as of the most recent date available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60733/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3234. To ask the Minister for Health if any assessment has been carried out of the number of private and voluntary nursing homes operating below cost; the specific steps being taken to protect the viability of smaller and rural nursing homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60734/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3235. To ask the Minister for Health her Department's own projection of the number of long-term residential care beds required for older people in each year to 2040; the current registered capacity measured against that projection; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60735/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care in acute hospitals attributable to the unavailability of a nursing home or step-down bed in each of the years 2022 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60754/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3237. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a clear policy on the use of AI, particularly pertaining to its use during consultations and for the processing of information, health information and data of a patient; the way in which such information is managed; if particular AI tools have received approval for the purposes of note taking, letter writing, and diagnostic assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60763/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3238. To ask the Minister for Health to make it clear that a patient can decline the use of AI within a consultation, particularly recording tools for the purposes of note taking and letter writing during a consultation, and for the patient to continue to receive a consultation if they decline the use of AI within that consultation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60766/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3239. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment her Department has undertaken of the impact of the phased removal of private maternity care under Sláintecare on women's choice and access to maternity services; whether any equality, human rights or gender impact assessment has been carried out in relation to this policy; the consultations that have taken place with service users, clinicians, hospital boards and other stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60770/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3240. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reports that pre-assessed patients awaiting orthopaedic surgery at the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh, have had their surgeries postponed indefinitely due to hospital funding constraints rather than clinical considerations (details supplied); the number of patients currently affected by such delays; the steps being taken by the HSE and her Department to address these funding pressures and restore surgical activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60799/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

3241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of licences, by premises type for tobacco licences, vaping licences, tobacco and vaping licences as of 3 August 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60804/26 | GED NASH

3242. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the fees payable to dentists under the dental treatment services scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60847/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3243. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the purchase of lands in Roscrea for a new nursing home.

PQ60849/26 | ALAN KELLY

3244. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists currently providing treatment under the dental treatment services scheme, broken down by county, in each of the past five years; the number who have joined and withdrawn from the scheme in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60851/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3245. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location, by town or local area, of dental practices currently accepting medical card patients under the dental treatment services scheme in County Tipperary; the corresponding number in each of the past five years; whether the HSE has identified areas of County Tipperary in which medical card holders are unable to access a participating dentist within a reasonable distance; and the measures being taken to address any such gaps.

PQ60854/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3246. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE records the number of medical card holders who have contacted it because they are unable to secure treatment from a dentist participating in the dental treatment services scheme; if so, the number of such contacts in each county in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60861/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3247. To ask the Minister for Health when the reimbursement rates payable under the dental treatment services scheme were last subject to a comprehensive cost review; whether that review considered increases in dental materials, laboratory charges, hygienist and other staffing costs and general practice overheads; whether a further cost analysis is currently underway; and when revised reimbursement rates will be introduced.

PQ60870/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3248. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether the current reimbursement rates available under the dental treatment services scheme for the provision, adjustment and repair of dentures adequately reflect the actual laboratory and clinical costs incurred by dentists; when these rates were last reviewed; and whether she will consider increasing them as part of Budget 2027.

PQ60873/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3249. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE has examined whether the reimbursement structure under the dental treatment services scheme creates a financial disincentive to provide restorative treatment where the fee payable for a filling is comparable to that payable for an extraction, notwithstanding the differences in clinical time, materials and associated costs; and whether she will review the fee structure to ensure that it supports tooth preservation and appropriate preventative and restorative dental care.

PQ60879/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3250. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts that an entitlement to dental treatment under the medical card scheme is of limited practical value where patients cannot find a dentist participating in the dental treatment services scheme; the immediate measures she will take, pending wider reform of dental services, to prevent further dentists withdrawing from the scheme; whether enhanced reimbursement rates will be considered in Budget 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60882/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3251. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3314 of 28 July 2026, the number of persons referred to a facility (details supplied) in each of the past five years who, following clinical or risk assessment, were deemed unsuitable for admission to a residential treatment programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60884/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3252. To ask the Minister for Health the results from the 'support visits' to emergency departments carried out in hospitals on the weekend of 31 July, 1 August and 2 August 2026; the hospitals that were visited; the recommendations for each hospital arising from those visits; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60890/26 | CATHAL CROWE

3253. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3314 of 28 July 2026, the number of persons referred to a treatment centre (details supplied) in each of the past five years who, following clinical or risk assessment, were deemed unsuitable for admission to a

residential treatment programme and who subsequently commenced an alternative treatment programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60900/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3254. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3314 of 28 July 2026, the average and longest waiting period between period between a person being deemed unsuitable for residential treatment at a treatment centre (details supplied) and that person commencing an alternative addiction treatment or rehabilitation service in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60907/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3255. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which she plans to address the concerns outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60908/26 | PA DALY

3256. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3314 of 28 July 2026 the number of persons referred a treatment centre (details supplied) in each of the past five years who, following clinical or risk assessment, were deemed unsuitable for admission to a residential treatment programme and who did not subsequently access an alternative addiction treatment or rehabilitation service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60936/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3257. To ask the Minister for Health if she will report on the recruitment of psychologists, occupational therapists and other multidisciplinary professionals for community mental health services in Kerry; the number of vacancies for psychologists, occupational therapists and other multidisciplinary professionals for community mental health services in Kerry; the number of posts sanctioned; and the number that remain unfulfilled, in tabular form.

PQ60938/26 | PA DALY

3258. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3314 of 28 July 2026, the mechanisms in place to ensure that persons deemed unsuitable for residential treatment at a treatment centre (details supplied) are not left without appropriate treatment or support; whether the HSE tracks the outcomes of persons who are referred elsewhere following an unsuccessful residential referral; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60941/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3259. To ask the Minister for Health the number of administrative staff across county Kerry mental health posts; the number of posts that are sanctioned; the number that remain unfulfilled across Kerry mental health services; the steps she is taking to address the current shortages; if this will be resolved by the end of the year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60943/26 | PA DALY

3260. To ask the Minister for Health the status of recruitment and implementation of the planned crisis resolution team; the timeline for its establishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60954/26 | PA DALY

3261. To ask the Minister for Health when the committed SCAN nurses will be in post in Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60959/26 | PA DALY

3262. To ask the Minister for Health the additional measures she is taking to strengthen community mental health services and suicide supports in Kerry.

PQ60965/26 | PA DALY

3263. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the lessons arising from the CAMHS Look-Back Review are being reflected in the resourcing and development of adult community mental health services.

PQ60976/26 | PA DALY

3264. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reports of the proposed closure by the HSE of a ward (details supplied); the reason for the proposed closure; if she will intervene to oppose this proposed closure; if a local impact assessment of this closure has been carried out; the plan for each patient in the context of the proposed closure that patients can avail of specialised long term residential care in their locality; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60984/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3265. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a response (details supplied) from Community South-West; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61001/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3266. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount her Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of her Department's advertising budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60920/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

3267. To ask the Minister for Health the funding her Department provides to the Cardiac Risk in the Young Persons (CRYP) Centre, based at Tallaght University Hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61036/26 | SEÁN KYNE

3268. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made by her Department improving access to domestic genetic testing and in particular this case where testing for QT long syndrome is sent to Oxford in the United Kingdom; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61062/26 | SEÁN KYNE

3269. To ask the Minister for Health if chronic hepatitis B will be formally assessed for inclusion in the long-term illness scheme; whether there are plans to review its eligibility for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59711/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3270. To ask the Minister for Health when the list of conditions covered by the long-term illness scheme was last clinically reviewed; whether a further review is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59715/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3271. To ask the Minister for Health the current strategies for indoor air quality being implemented across healthcare settings in order to lessen the impact on long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60911/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3272. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated multidisciplinary Huntington's disease teams currently operating in the State; the number proposed under the national Huntington's disease care pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60885/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3273. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed national Huntington's disease care pathway; the stage it has reached within the HSE approval process; the date by which final approval is expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60867/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3274. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to improve Ireland's participation in international Huntington's disease clinical trials and research programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60889/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3275. To ask the Minister for Health any monitoring for the prevalence of long-Covid among healthcare workers currently being undertaken by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60903/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3276. To ask the Minister for Health the current support for healthcare workers with long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60905/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3277. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene to ensure all options, including further price negotiations with the manufacturer of skylarys are explored before a final reimbursement decision is made (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60940/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3278. To ask the Minister for Health to address the misdiagnosis of Lyme disease (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61033/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3279. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to establishing a nationally coordinated specialist Huntington's disease service; if she will outline any plans currently under development; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60881/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3280. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh through the national treatment purchase fund in 2024, and 2025; the amount allocated for 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60883/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3281. To ask the Minister for Health the number of FOI requests her Department, and each agency under her auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61054/26 | MATT CARTHY

3282. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to (details supplied) in each year from 2021 to 2025 which resulted in an onward referral instead of admission; the reasons for referral; whether the referral was to (details supplied), a HSE service or another external service; the type of service or treatment setting each person was referred to; the number of persons who exited residential treatment before completion in each year; the circumstances or reasons recorded for such exits; whether the HSE records, reviews and monitors the reasons an exit before completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61095/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3283. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all HSE audits, compliance reviews, SLA reviews, monitoring visits, inspections or other formal quality or performance reviews relating to (details supplied) undertaken in each year from 2021 to 2026; the date and nature of each review; the findings; if recommendations, deficiencies, areas of noncompliance or corrective actions were identified, the nature of each; whether a timeframe for completion was specified; whether the action was completed; whether the HSE subsequently verified completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61097/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3284. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the KPIs, SLA targets and other measurable service requirements applicable to funding to (details supplied) by the HSE in each of the years 2021 to 2026; the performance reported against each requirement in each year; whether the HSE determined that each target had been met; where a target was not met, the nature and extent of the shortfall, if an improvement plan or

corrective action was required, if funding or other consequence arose from the failure to meet the target, and whether the corrective action was completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61103/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3285. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with women, clinicians, hospital boards and relevant stakeholders to find a solution that protects women's access to private maternity care (details supplied).

PQ59761/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3286. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics' assessment of a drug (details supplied) for the treatment of progressive pulmonary fibrosis; when the manufacturer submitted the medicine for reimbursement consideration and the expected timeline for completion of the assessment and subsequent HSE reimbursement decision.

PQ61106/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3287. To ask the Minister for Health the status of staffing and recruitment for 24/7 emergency cardiac care in UHW, in tabular form.

PQ59767/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

3288. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved centres in each RHA that currently have access to a multidisciplinary team including psychology, occupational therapy and social work; the number of WTE posts approved for each discipline in each approved centre; the number of posts currently filled; the number that are vacant; where a post is vacant, to confirm patients continue to have access to the relevant discipline; to provide details of any approved centres where inpatients currently have no access to psychology, occupational therapy or social work; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61109/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3289. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider measures to expedite the assessment and reimbursement process for a drug (details supplied) recently authorised by the European Commission for the treatment of progressive pulmonary fibrosis, in view of the serious and progressive nature of the condition and the lack of time sensitive treatment options available to patients.

PQ61108/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3290. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanisms that are currently available to allow patients with progressive pulmonary fibrosis to access a drug (details supplied) on an exceptional or compassionate basis pending completion of the reimbursement process; and if she will consider expanding such arrangements for patients with urgent clinical need.

PQ61110/26 | JAMES LAWLESS

3291. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the significant financial burden facing patients who may seek access to a drug (details supplied) privately while awaiting reimbursement decisions; and if her Department or the HSE is examining options to support eligible patients who cannot afford such treatment costs.

PQ61113/26 | JAMES LAWLESS

3292. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department and the HSE have commenced engagement with a company regarding pricing and reimbursement negotiations for a drug (details supplied); and if she will outline the current status of those discussions.

PQ61114/26 | JAMES LAWLESS

3293. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the Government's strategy to improve access to innovative therapies for patients living with progressive pulmonary fibrosis; and if she recognises the need for accelerated pathways where new medicines demonstrate significant potential to reduce disease progression and mortality.

PQ61116/26 | JAMES LAWLESS

3294. To ask the Minister for Health the funding schemes, grant programmes or service arrangements currently available to voluntary and community organisations providing counselling, psychotherapy and early intervention mental health supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61117/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3295. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the organ transplant waiting list for kidney, liver, heart, lung and pancreas transplants respectively, at the end of each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59781/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

3296. To ask the Minister for Health when chiropody services for the elderly in Cootehill, County Cavan will reopen (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61121/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3297. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 885 of 14 July 2026, the total monetary value of the HSE National Clinical Waste contract awarded in 2018 (details supplied); the portion of that contract value attributable to the national unused medicines return and disposal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59784/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

3298. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 885 of 14 July 2026, the actual expenditure incurred to date on the national unused medicines return and disposal scheme, as distinct from the €4,500,000 annual allocation provided under the Community Pharmacy Agreement 2025; the amount of unallocated funding from that provision currently ring-fenced for pharmacy service development and the specific developments it will fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59785/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

3299. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE National Clinical Waste contract awarded in 2018 for a period of eight years will expire in 2026; whether the HSE intends to exercise the option to extend the contract for an additional two years or to conduct a new procurement competition; the timeline for that decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59789/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

3300. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the reported increase in cases of shingles among younger adults; whether she will consider introducing a free shingles vaccination programme for those deemed at risk; whether consideration has been given to providing financial support for the shingles vaccine through the drugs payment scheme or other reimbursement mechanisms to reduce the cost burden on patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59798/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

3301. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 885 of 14 July 2026, if she will clarify a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59800/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

3302. To ask the Minister for Health to make the lifesaving drug skylarys available as a matter of urgency (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59827/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3303. To ask the Minister for Health to make the lifesaving drug skylarys available as a matter of urgency (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59831/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3304. To ask the Minister for Health further to previous Parliamentary Questions, if she will make skylarys available as a matter of urgency (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59834/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3305. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for CAMHS ID teams, by area, team and wait timeband, in tabular form.

PQ59839/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

3306. To ask the Minister for Health to meet with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss a multi-stakeholder group being established without delay; to provide recommendations on the way in which to implement an early access scheme, with the goal of access within one year of European Medicines Agency authorisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59843/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3307. To ask the Minister for Health to make the lifesaving drug skylarys available as a matter of urgency, the only approved treatment for patients for the progressive neurological condition Friedreich's ataxia (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59848/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3308. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS ID teams; and the staffing complement of each, in tabular form.

PQ59837/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

3309. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the provision of public services for people with auditory processing disorder (APD); to provide an update on funding approved in 2023 for development of an APD service; to provide an update whether the proposal for the multidisciplinary team has been revisited in the light of changes to recruitment controls; the timeline for a publicly funded APD assessment and support pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59859/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

3310. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage increase or decrease in the number of persons awaiting home support services in County Cork, Cork and Kerry (HSE Southwest) and each HSE Health Region over the past 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60581/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3311. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 422 of 25 June 2026, with regards to CAMHS north Tipperary west, for an update on the senior OT post, following the expression of interests closing on 20 July 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60584/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3312. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 422 of 25 June 2026, with regards to CAMHS north Tipperary west, if the clinical nurse specialist campaign has yet been launched; if there is an update regarding the post; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60587/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who acquired a traumatic brain injury, neurological injury, long-term disability or other significant health condition as a result of being the victim of a physical assault in each of the past ten years; the number of such cases identified as arising from unprovoked assaults, where recorded; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59863/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

3314. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE, National Rehabilitation Hospital, Central Statistics Office, National Office for Trauma Services or any other public body collects data on acquired brain injuries resulting from assaults; if so, the number of cases recorded annually during the past 15 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59865/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

3315. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of proposals to establish a multidisciplinary auditory processing disorder service within the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59897/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3316. To ask the Minister for Health whether the proposed recruitment of staff for a dedicated auditory processing disorder service, previously delayed due to recruitment controls, has been revisited; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59900/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3317. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence regarding a clinical trial (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59934/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3318. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 779 of 21 April 2026, the number and value of General Medical Services pharmacy claims rejected or left unpaid in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 (details supplied); if the absence of any assessment of the patient impact of such rejected or unpaid claims is recorded on any Health Service Executive risk register or internal audit plan; if she will commit to establishing a methodology to assess and report on the patient impact of such rejected or unpaid claims; and if she make a statement on the matter.

PQ61179/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3319. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has commenced work on a successor to the National Maternity Strategy 2016-2026, as outlined in the Programme for Government; if a future strategy will support an improved midwife to birth ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59926/26 | SEÁN KYNE

3320. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on reimbursable medicines for the management of obesity for each of the years from 2016 to 2025 inclusive under the HSE Medicines Management Programme; and to list the primary drugs that are refunded.

PQ59945/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

3321. To ask the Minister for Health whether any national public health campaigns are currently in operation to reduce interpersonal violence, physical assaults or violence-related injuries; the target audiences of such campaigns; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59872/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

3322. To ask the Minister for Health whether a company (details supplied) currently or previously held any contracts, framework agreements or subcontracting arrangements with the HSE; if so, the nature and duration of those arrangements and the HSE facilities or projects to which they related; whether the HSE requires contractors and subcontractors to demonstrate compliance with employment and pension legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61192/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3323. To ask the Minister for Health if funding approved in 2023 for the development of a dedicated auditory processing disorder assessment and support service remains available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59895/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3324. To ask the Minister for Health what barriers currently remain to the establishment of a publicly funded auditory processing disorder) assessment and support pathway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59904/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3325. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the establishment of a publicly funded auditory processing disorder diagnostic and support service for children and adults; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59907/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3326. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the income limit thresholds to qualify for a medical card; the last time such were increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61159/26 | CATHY BENNETT

3327. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has procedures for ensuring that contractors engaged to provide services to the HSE comply with their obligations to employees regarding written terms and conditions of employment, PRSI and occupational pension contributions; whether such compliance is monitored during the lifetime of a contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61193/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3328. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to secure an occupational therapist for the HSE Willowdale community mental health centre in Limerick, given the position has remained unfilled since March 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61214/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

3329. To ask the Minister for Health further to a forthcoming conference in Galway (details supplied) whether the HSE has assessed the clinical evidence concerning the safety, nutritional value and potential benefits or risks to infants of milk produced by biological males through induced lactation (details supplied); whether the HSE intends to develop or incorporate any policy, clinical guidance or service provision in relation to this practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61219/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3330. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated date by which the HSE will complete its current review of the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; the specific timeline for the formal approval of this pathway; the date it will be rolled out across each of the six HSE Health Regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61236/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

3331. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the situation facing families of children with congenital heart disease who require lifelong anticoagulation therapy, specifically in relation to the cost of INR testing strips for home monitoring devices; whether these strips can be made available or reimbursed under the medical card scheme or the drug payment scheme; whether consideration will be given to reviewing the current classification of INR testing strips as medical equipment, given that their function is intrinsically linked to the management of life-critical medication; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61239/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3332. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the introduction of a medication (details supplied) to treat patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; the actions she will take to expedite this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59956/26 | BARRY WARD

3333. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the orthodontic services provided in County Clare; the plans to ensure adequate personnel and services, particularly for grade 4 and 5 dental patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61242/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

3334. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved psychology posts, per population, in psychiatry of later life services across each health region; to provide details of the integrated health areas that currently do not have approved psychology posts, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61215/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3335. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently increase the annual drugs budget that includes all cancer drugs from 4 billion euros to 4.2 billion euros so that the annual drugs budget for rare diseases can be increased from 30 million euros to 200 million euros per annum, as such a measure will save lives and significantly enhance the quality of life of many patients with rare diseases; and will the Minister make a statement on the matter.

PQ61213/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3336. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the approval by the European Medicines Agency of a medication (details supplied) to treat patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy; the actions she will take to engage with the HSE to ensure that any delays to its approval in Ireland are expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59963/26 | BARRY WARD

3337. To ask the Minister for Health to increase the annual drugs budget for all cancer drugs from €4 billion to €4.2 billion to increase the annual drugs budget for rare diseases from €30 million to €200 million per annum to save lives and significantly enhance the quality of life of patients with rare diseases such as people living with Friedreich's ataxia in Ireland. (details supplied).

PQ61218/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3338. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the new Cahersiveen primary care centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60000/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3339. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the role of advanced nurse and midwife practitioners (ANPs/AMPs) in the delivery of the Sláintecare mandate of providing universal, accessible and integrated care; the steps her Department has taken to provide more ANPs/AMPs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60037/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

3340. To ask the Minister for Health to meet a constituent (details supplied); to address the concerns raised; and to review the treatment of patients in Drogheda.

PQ61202/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3341. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to concerns of the HSE's decision not to approve the Friedreich's ataxia drug for reimbursement; if she has met with the HSE to discuss the matter; if so, to report on those meetings and the dates on which they took place (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to that it is publicly funded and / or accessible in other European countries having been approved since February 2024; if she is satisfied that this is not the case in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61173/26 | PA DALY

3342. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for patients who have been assessed and approved for deep brain stimulation surgery at Beaumont Hospital; the reasons for the increase in the waiting time, which was previously approximately 18 months and is now 24 months; and the measures being taken by her Department and the HSE to reduce this waiting time for patients already assessed and approved for surgery.

PQ61166/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3343. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the current geographic allocation of medically managed residential detox beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60050/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

3344. To ask the Minister for Health to review correspondence (details supplied) and in view of the very prolonged HSE referral and waiting list, allow for reimbursement of costs in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60025/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3345. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will consider a review of the long-term illness scheme criteria, particularly for hepatitis B management and medication; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60035/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

3346. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently intervene and request the HSE drugs group to recommend reimbursing skylarys for people living with Friedreich's ataxia in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ61208/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL
3347. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to a person presenting to their GP in the Wicklow-Wexford constituency with suicidal ideation or serious mental health issues.
- PQ61294/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE
3348. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the organ transplant waiting list for kidney, liver, heart, lung and pancreas transplants respectively, at the end of each of the years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, and the current figure to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60079/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN
3349. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite surgery in respect of a patient who is in immense pain (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ61130/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL
3350. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the specific assessment criteria used by the HSE primary care reimbursement service (PCRS) when reviewing discretionary medical card applications for patients with severe, chronic inflammatory skin conditions such as Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS); the steps she is taking to ensure the medical card appeals office fully accounts for medical outgoings that exceed an applicant's net monthly take-home income; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ61282/26 | CATHAL CROWE
3351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for a first appointment with CAMHS in each RHA, in each of the past ten years, in tabular form; the number waiting beyond recommended access timeframes; the average and longest waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60539/26 | SORCA CLARKE
3352. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale behind the EU vitamin harmonisation rules; the reason for the proposals; the evidence base for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60111/26 | JOHN LAHART
3353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children waiting for primary care psychology services in each RHA, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; broken down by age category and waiting time bands of less than three months; three to six months; six to 12 months; 12 to 24 months; more than 24 months; the average and longest waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60537/26 | SORCA CLARKE
3354. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Mayo adult ADHD hub; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60124/26 | KEIRA KEOGH
3355. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider the phased rollout of robotic exoskeleton technology across regional rehabilitation services, including community and regional hospitals (details supplied); whether her Department has undertaken or commissioned any assessment of the clinical effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and potential health service benefits of such technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60125/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN
3356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for diagnostic tests at the end of quarter 2, 2026, in tabular form.
- PQ61317/26 | DAVID CULLINANE
3357. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a waiting list for the men's free counselling initiative; if so, the wait list times; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60510/26 | SORCA CLARKE
3358. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for HSE counselling services, broken down by RHA, at the end of each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60532/26 | SORCA CLARKE
3359. To ask the Minister for Health to approve, fund and implement the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60129/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL
3360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting for an initial appointment with community mental health teams in each RHA, in each of the past five years; broken down by waiting time bands; the average and longest waiting time; the number of referrals received; the number of patients seen, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60541/26 | SORCA CLARKE
3361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a first appointment with a consultant psychiatrist in each RHA, in each of the past five years; broken down by waiting time bands; the average and longest waiting time; vacancies in consultant psychiatry posts, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ60544/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3362. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3305 of 28 July 2026, the position regarding any timeline available in relation to the negotiations related to the reimbursement status of Tucatinib (Tukysa); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61319/26 | BARRY WARD

3363. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for funding and regional implementation of a national Huntington's disease care pathway for Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60148/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3364. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline Ireland's current position regarding discussions at EU level on the proposed setting of Maximum Permitted Levels (MPLs) for vitamins and minerals in food supplements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61298/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

3365. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a dental appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61297/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3366. To ask the Minister for Health to increase funding for University Hospital Kerry and across the health care system (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61129/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3367. To ask the Minister for Health her response to a High Court ruling whereafter a judge said there is an urgent requirement for a national care pathway to help those diagnosed with Huntington's disease, the rare genetic condition.

PQ60168/26 | MATT CARTHY

3368. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to establish a sexual assault treatment unit at University Hospital Kerry; if so, the current status of such plans; the anticipated timeframe for the provision of such a service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61125/26 | PA DALY

3369. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3305 of 28 July 2026, if there is any means of expediting the process related to the reimbursement status of Tucatinib (Tukysa); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61324/26 | BARRY WARD

3370. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3305 of 28 July 2026, if she is conscious of the urgency in progressing the negotiations related to the reimbursement status of Tucatinib (Tukysa); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61323/26 | BARRY WARD

3371. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3305 of 28 July 2026, the position regarding any opportunity for submissions in relation to the reimbursement status of a medication (details supplied) ; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61321/26 | BARRY WARD

3372. To ask the Minister for Health if a person will be transferred from Galway University Hospital to University Hospital Kerry for treatment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61128/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3373. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a Medical Council complaint; her views on issues arising (details supplied) in the process of this complaint.

PQ61101/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3374. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for reimbursement under the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61098/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3375. To ask the Minister for Health the steps taken to integrate the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland with inherited cardiac condition services, including the Cardiac Risk in the Young Persons Centre at Tallaght University Hospital (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61075/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3376. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to establish mental health emergency departments to provide a separate "front door" for those suffering from a crises but are medically fit and do not need treatment in accident and emergency; if she will consider establishing a pilot in one or more hospitals; if she is aware of recent developments in the United Kingdom in this area (details supplied); her views on whether this would reduce pressure on A&Es; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61090/26 | SEÁN KYNE

3377. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in establishing genomic resource associate or patient navigator posts under the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland; the number of such posts currently in place (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61074/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3378. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in establishing the National Centre of Excellence in Genomic Testing and Bioinformatics provided for under the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland; the services currently available through that centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61072/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional genetic counsellor posts approved, funded, recruited and filled under the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland since its publication (details supplied); the number assigned to inherited cardiac disease services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61068/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3380. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in implementing the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland in respect of inherited cardiac conditions (details supplied); the measures taken to expand access to cardiac genetic testing, genetic counselling and specialist inherited cardiac disease services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61066/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE radiation therapists employed by HSE in 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61063/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3382. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) and ensure the appointment is rescheduled as soon as possible; the steps being taken to address the lack of specialist orthodontic resources serving counties Meath, Louth, Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61089/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioners in motor neuron diseases posts that were filled at Cork University as of 11 July 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61065/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior pharmacist posts filled at Mercy University Hospital.

PQ61060/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3385. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider expanding specialist inherited cardiac services beyond the existing Cardiac Risk in the Young Persons Centre model in order to improve regional access and reduce waiting times (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61059/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3386. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national strategy exists for the identification, monitoring and treatment of persons at risk of inherited cardiac conditions and sudden cardiac death (details supplied); the key measures currently in operation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61058/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3387. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year costs of providing five additional BreastCheck mobile screening units.

PQ61057/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3388. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department has conducted a review of inherited cardiac disease services, including the Cardiac Risk in the Young Persons Centre; the findings of any such review; the recommendations arising from it (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61039/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3389. To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected in sales from restaurant/cafe services within South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital in 2024, 2025 and to-date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61038/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3390. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that have been taken since the publication of the National Review of Adult Specialist Cardiac Services to expand inherited cardiac condition services, including the Centre for Cardiac Risk in Younger Persons; the additional resources allocated to these services since publication of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61034/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3391. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to improve early identification and treatment of inherited cardiac conditions associated with sudden cardiac death; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61031/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3392. To ask the Minister for Health the actions taken to increase domestic capacity for genetic testing relating to inherited cardiac conditions under the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland (details supplied); the extent to which such testing continues to be carried out outside the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61071/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3393. To ask the Minister for Health if a review has been undertaken of services for patients with inherited cardiac conditions and families affected by sudden cardiac death; the recommendations arising from any such review; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61026/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3394. To ask the Minister for Health to give consideration to a pre-Budget submission 2027 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60174/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3395. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment has been undertaken of the impact of waiting times for inherited cardiac disease services on patient wellbeing and clinical outcomes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61064/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3396. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration is being given to expanding specialist inherited cardiac services beyond the existing cardiac risk in the Young Persons Centre model in order to improve regional access and reduce waiting times (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61061/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3397. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of patients currently awaiting assessment for inherited cardiac conditions and related disorders through specialist services nationwide; the average waiting time to access such services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61016/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3398. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for HSE-funded addiction counselling services in each RHA, in each of the past five years; the average and longest waiting time; waiting time bands; referrals received; treatment commencements, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60549/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3399. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for referral, assessment and treatment through the cardiac risk in the young persons centre; the measures being taken to reduce waiting times for patients referred with suspected inherited cardiac conditions (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61006/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3400. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate measures being taken to improve patient flow and reduce overcrowding in Beaumont Hospital emergency department pending completion of the proposed redevelopment and additional inpatient capacity; whether the HSE and Beaumont Hospital have identified any changes to the use of existing space, staffing arrangements, discharge processes or inpatient bed management that can be implemented in the short term to help ease the pressure being experienced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60914/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

3401. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a TAVI heart procedure.

PQ60955/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

3402. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3600 of 28 July 2026, if HSE home care staff are provided with the necessary equipment, such as a laptop or tablet, to facilitate the online submission of travel expense claims; the provisions in place for staff who have not been supplied with such equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60987/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3403. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an audiology appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60971/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3404. To ask the Minister for Health to address the long waiting time for audiology services in County Kerry, with routine hearing tests currently taking 49 weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60964/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3405. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60946/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

3406. To ask the Minister for Health whether, following the approval of the Letterkenny University Hospital Model 3 Clinical Care Plan 2026 by the HSE West and North West Management Team, the current status of the plan within the HSE and her Department; the timetable for its consideration at national level; the date by which a formal implementation plan will be agreed; the officials or bodies responsible for overseeing delivery of its recommendations and if she will make a statement on matter.'

PQ60997/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

3407. To ask the Minister for Health if she will reopen the adult mental health services that were located in Oaktree Business Park in Trim, County Meath (details supplied).

PQ60995/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3408. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of Kerry home help hours that are now outsourced to private providers; the annual cost of this provision in each of the years 2020 to 2026 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60990/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3409. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently recruit extra home help staff, in the Kerry area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60988/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3410. To ask the Minister for Health whether the current level of emergency department overcrowding and admitted patients awaiting inpatient beds at Beaumont Hospital has been assessed as part of the HSE's preparations for the 2026/2027 winter period; the assessment that has been

made of the hospital's ability to manage an anticipated increase in emergency department attendances during winter; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60909/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

3411. To ask the Minister for Health the specific additional capacity, staffing, bed capacity and patient-flow measures being planned for Beaumont Hospital in advance of the 2026/2027 winter period; the measures or additional resources that will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60906/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

3412. To ask the Minister for Health whether funding for the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway will be approved simultaneously with the pathway itself to ensure immediate implementation following approval and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ60871/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3413. To ask the Minister for Health whether dedicated national funding has been allocated for the implementation of the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; if so, the amount allocated and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60868/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3414. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of HSE and Exchequer funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years 2021 to 2025, broken down by individual service or programme and by source of funding; the amount committed and paid in 2026 to date; the purpose for which each allocation was provided; whether any funding was conditional on the achievement of specified performance, quality or service-level targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60869/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that waited over 24 hours in the accident and emergency department in University Hospital Kerry in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by age category (details supplied), in tabular form; the measures being taken to address these waiting times for senior citizens; the length of time it will take to significantly improve these waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61019/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3416. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements currently in place for genetic testing relating to inherited cardiac conditions; the extent to which such testing is carried out outside the State; the plans to expand domestic testing capacity (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61014/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3417. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of genetic counselling resources available to patients undergoing assessment for inherited cardiac conditions; the plans to increase investment in genetic counselling services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61012/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3418. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical and non clinical staff currently assigned to inherited cardiac disease services, including the cardiac risk in the young persons centre; the plans to increase staffing levels in these services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61010/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3419. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3314 of 28 July 2026, the number of persons referred to a treatment centre (details supplied) who following clinical or risk assessment were deemed unsuitable for admission to a residential treatment programme and were subsequently referred to an alternative addiction treatment or rehabilitation service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60895/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3420. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in respect of a community based services operated by an organisation (details supplied), a referral may be declined, deemed unsuitable, withdrawn, closed or otherwise not result in the person commencing a community based service; the total number of referrals received; the number of persons who commenced a community based service in each of the years 2021 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60878/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3421. To ask the Minister for Health her current plans to provide access to drug (details supplied) for those diagnosed with Friedreichs Ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60821/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3422. To ask the Minister for Health if an electronic referral and application system is being considered for the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme to reduce administrative burden on patients and healthcare providers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60852/26 | EAMON SCANLON

3423. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications received under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme and the cross border directive scheme in each of the past five years; the total amount reimbursed in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60848/26 | EAMON SCANLON

3424. To ask the Minister for Health if a review is planned of reimbursement rates under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme to reflect current treatment costs; if her Department has examined the feasibility of direct-payment arrangements for patients unable to pay treatment costs upfront under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60844/26 | EAMON SCANLON

3425. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reports that the breastfeeding support group at Vernon Avenue Health Centre, Clontarf, may be discontinued due to lack of resources; if she will clarify the situation and ensure adequate resources are available to ensure the group can continue to support new mothers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60800/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

3426. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting treatment in audiology, by length of time waiting and by age (details supplied), in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60887/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3427. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount of HSE and Exchequer funding provided to the community based services operated by an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and in 2026 to date, broken down by service and source of funding; the KPIs, SLA requirements, quality standards and measurable service outputs attached to each funding allocation; whether the service is required to report to the HSE against each such requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60886/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3428. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 872 of 16 June 2026, if she will expand on her commitment to delivering the appropriate services for each person with FASD in line with their needs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60829/26 | CATHAL CROWE

3429. To ask the Minister for Health the total amounts paid by her Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61358/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

3430. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of referrals received by an organisation (details supplied); the number not accepted, the number deemed unsuitable for residential treatment, and the number where the referral did not proceed for another recorded reason; the reasons recorded in each category; the number placed on a waiting list in each year; the average and longest waiting time for admission to residential treatment in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60858/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3431. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure incurred by her Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61341/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3432. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposed regional approach to the Care Pathway for Huntington's disease; and when simultaneous national approval and funding will be put in place in respect of a care pathway.

PQ61369/26 | IVANA BACIK

3433. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting a long time for an operation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60788/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3434. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a hospital appointment.

PQ60787/26 | ROBERT TROY

3435. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital-initiated scheduled care cancellations in each week of 2025 and 2026 to date, by appointment type and hospital, in tabular form.

PQ60773/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

3436. To ask the Minister for Health to report on progress to meet her commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ60740/26 | PA DALY

3437. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of a minor injuries and diagnostic clinic in Killarney, along with a primary care centre for the town; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60709/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3438. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the establishment of a stem cell transplant and cellular therapy centre at Cork University Hospital; and if she would make a statement on the matter.

PQ60705/26 | PA DALY

3439. To ask the Minister for Health to address the severe shortage of Home-Help employees across the whole of Kerry, with multiple home help hours being allocated but not fulfilled due to staff shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60702/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3440. To ask the Minister for Health to increase funding to UHK (details supplied) to allow medical staff to treat patients in a timely fashion, and ensure that cancer patients are prioritised and seen promptly once admitted through the accident and emergency department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60698/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3441. To ask the Minister for Health whether she accepts there is an anomaly in that medical card holders have to pay for non-routine blood tests and are advised that if they feel they should not have to pay they should contact the local HSE centre; her views on whether this puts patients in a difficult position with their GPs; her further views on whether clarity is needed on the definition of routine; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ60577/26 | SEÁN KYNE

3442. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a regional comparison of home support waiting lists across each HSE Health Region, ranking each region from the largest to the smallest waiting list and from the longest to the shortest average waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60569/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3443. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved and vacant home support worker posts in County Cork, Cork and Kerry HSE Southwest and each HSE Health Region, respectively; the corresponding vacancy figures for the same date in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60566/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3444. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a funding issue related to a hospital that is consequently impeding surgeries for patients (details supplied); the steps that will be taken to ensure funding is provided and available for much needed surgeries to take place given pre-assessed patients remain waiting for months without any progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60563/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

3445. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting an ADHD assessment at the beginning and end of each year from 2021 to the latest available date, broken down by children and adults and by Health Region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60560/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3446. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received for ADHD assessment in each of the past five years.

PQ60557/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3447. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting the commencement of a home support in Kerry; the corresponding figures for the same period in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60555/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3448. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting the commencement of a home support in Cork; the corresponding figures for the same period in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60552/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3449. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to a case (details supplied); the actions she will take to address the significant issues related to the care and treatment for people diagnosed with Huntington's Disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60203/26 | BARRY WARD

3450. To ask the Minister for Health whether any interim tucatinib access arrangements are being considered while the tucatinib metastatic cancer medicine reimbursement process is ongoing; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60491/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

3451. To ask the Minister for Health the additional measures she is considering to expedite the reimbursement decision for tucatinib, a necessary metastatic breast cancer medicine; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60484/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

3452. To ask the Minister for Health her plans for the old St. Finians Hospital and lands in Killarney; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60451/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3453. To ask the Minister for Health when a Model 4 hub will be in place for the midlands region catering for neurological care including multiple sclerosis; the timeframe for services for people with less complex needs can be dealt with at level 3 hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60417/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3454. To ask the Minister for Health if she recognises the clinical necessity of a drug (details supplied) for a community that currently has no other therapeutic options; if the HSE have considered working with the European Union to ensure that this treatment is made available to the approximately 200 people in Ireland living with Friedreich's ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61401/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

3455. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's plans at National and EU level to ensure that the EU Common Training Framework proposal for physiotherapists does not undermine the high level of training that physiotherapists have in Ireland; and if she will engage with an organisation (details supplied) to ally their serious concerns regarding this EU framework.

PQ60231/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

3456. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure resources are made available to implement the care pathway for Huntington's disease (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61269/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3457. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to continue to support and enhance the work of an organisation (details supplied); the details of the year-on-year change in referrals in each centre nationally; whether those centres under pressure will see enhanced resources to provide outreach services in the community; her views on the referrals the organisation is seeing from CAMHS in areas such as Galway; whether additional therapists are required in the organisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61216/26 | SEÁN KYNE

3458. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols in place where a patient presents at A&E with suspected drink-spiking; the reason hospitals do not carry out toxicology testing in these cases; the measures in place to ensure timely Garda statements and preservation of evidence where a victim is incapacitated; if she will commit to establishing a clear national pathway to ensure suspected spiking incidents are treated as crimes, investigated promptly, and supported by appropriate clinical and policing protocols (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61186/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3459. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the HSE's national environmental health service online portal for registering tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products, the number of licences that were issued before the current real-time Revenue verification process was fully operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60309/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3460. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the provision of the new Cahersiveen primary care centre, County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61181/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3461. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the HSE's national environmental health service online portal for registering tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products, whether the HSE conducted an audit to establish whether licences were issued where no valid tax clearance existed; the tax details related to a different person or company; if the trading name did not correspond with the legal licence holder; or if the Revenue verification was unsuccessful, incomplete or not carried out.

PQ60307/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3462. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the commencement of the legislation regarding the Public Health (Single Use Vapes) Bill 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60305/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

3463. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to provide funding and regional implementation for a national Huntington's disease care pathway for Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60303/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3464. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the HSE's national environmental health service online portal for registering tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products, when the licensing system first became operational; if a successful electronic tax-clearance verification was technically mandatory before an application could be submitted or approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60302/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3465. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the HSE's national environmental health service online portal for registering tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products, whether the HSE verifies the tax-clearance status of every applicant before granting a licence; whether this verification is carried out automatically through Revenue or manually by HSE staff; the records retained by the HSE to demonstrate that tax clearance was verified before a licence was granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60300/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3466. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all Mental Health Capital Projects costing in excess of €1 million in the North West Region since 1 January 2023; the location and purpose of each project; the date works commenced on the build; the date each project was completed or is expected to be completed; and the date services commenced or are expected to commence, in tabular form.

PQ61391/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3467. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the HSE's national environmental health service online portal for registering tobacco products and nicotine inhaling products, whether the need to have a tax clearance certificate was correctly enforced on each occasion by the portal and by the HSE in every application already processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60298/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3468. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that have been taken since the publication of the National Review of Adult Specialist Cardiac Services to implement recommendation 18; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61035/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3469. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who contacted the GP assignment office, by county, in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60278/26 | CATHY BENNETT

3470. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider establishing a dedicated cancer care leave policy for healthcare workers who have undergone cancer treatment, ensuring that critical illness leave is treated separately from ordinary sick leave entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61457/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3471. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine the disparity between the treatment of Covid related sick leave and cancer related sick leave, particularly in relation to phased return to work arrangements and access to paid leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61458/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3472. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline the rationale for deducting annual leave from healthcare workers who return to duty on a phased basis following cancer treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61460/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3473. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the reason for the cancellation of a surgery (details supplied); and to provide an update on when the surgery will be rescheduled.

PQ61433/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

3474. To ask the Minister for Health the level of direct public funding currently provided to the cardiac risk in the young persons centre at Tallaght University Hospital; the basis on which funding is allocated to the service; the plans to provide additional funding to the centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61003/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3475. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric dermatologist posts filled at CHI Temple Street as of 17 August 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61463/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

3476. To ask the Minister for Health the current campaigns to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS in Ireland and to protect and support those at risk.

PQ60343/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

3477. To ask the Minister for Health to review the operation of the critical illness leave policy as it applies to healthcare workers returning to duty following cancer and long Covid, in particular the requirement that such workers have no access to ordinary sick leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61456/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3478. To ask the Minister for Health with regards to incident data collected by Dublin SATU, the number of incidents that took place in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare per year since its establishment, broken down by county and year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60334/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3479. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that no patient will be informed by any hospital for the remainder of 2026 that their planned operation will not proceed because of financial constraints on the part of the hospital or HSE.

PQ60333/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

3480. To ask the Minister for Health with regards to incident data collected by Mullingar SATU, the number of incidents that took place in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare per year since its establishment in 2009, broken down by county and year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ60331/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3481. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients, by hospital that have been informed by the HSE that their operation will not happen this year as the HSE has stated that funding is no longer available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60330/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

3482. To ask the Minister for Health with regards to incident data collected by Waterford SATU, the number of incidents that took place in Tipperary, Limerick and Clare per year since its establishment in 2004, broken down by county and year, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60329/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3483. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests received for assistance with assignment to a GP or a dentist for medical card holders, free GP card holders, or by persons without such qualification, by area, for each year 2016-2025, in tabular form.

PQ60327/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

3484. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding efforts to deliver a successor to the national maternity strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60326/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3485. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs operating in Cavan and Monaghan respectively, in each of the years from 2022 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60323/26 | CATHY BENNETT

3486. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available through the HSE for persons under 65 who are medically vulnerable or living alone and require a personal monitored alarm; if the HSE provides or funds such alarms through community services, occupational therapy or other pathways in circumstances where a person is ineligible for the seniors alert scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61450/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3487. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that resources are made available to implement the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway for Huntington's disease.

PQ60320/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3488. To ask the Minister for Health for details of the current level of staff vacancies for CervicalCheck.

PQ61494/26 | JEN CUMMINS

3489. To ask the Minister for Health if cardiovascular disease prevention and early detection has been considered by the North South Ministerial Council in the health sector; if any all island approach to population cardiovascular risk assessment is under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61547/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3490. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the proposed Council recommendation on cardiovascular health checks arising from the EU Cardiovascular Health Plan published in December 2025; if this file will be progressed during Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union; the steps being taken to align national policy with that Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61546/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3491. To ask the Minister for Health if a proposal for population based cardiovascular risk assessment has been submitted to or considered by the National Screening Advisory Committee; the status of any such proposal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61544/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3492. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has assessed the population health check model operated in England (details supplied); if any such assessment has examined, the applicability of that model in this State; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61539/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3493. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered introducing systematic invitation by age cohort for cardiovascular risk assessment, as distinct from the current opportunistic case finding model; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61537/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3494. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered extending the Structured Chronic Disease Management Programme beyond the medical card and GP visit card population, as recommended in the conclusion to the Third Report of the Structured Chronic Disease Management Treatment Programme in General Practice published in January 2025; the estimated full year cost of such an extension; if provision will be made in Budget 2027 for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61536/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3495. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practices contracted to deliver the Structured Chronic Disease Management Programme in each year from 2020 to date, in tabular form; the number of practice nurses employed in general practice over the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61535/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3496. To ask the Minister for Health the number of licensees holding a licence issued under section 13 of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Act 2023 since 2 February 2026 in respect of online sales who also hold one or more licences in respect of a premises; the distribution of such licensees by number of premises licences held, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61563/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3497. To ask the Minister for Health when the new national cardiovascular health policy committed to in the Programme for Government will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61542/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3498. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the 23 recommendations of the National Review of Adult Specialist Cardiac Services; if the three year implementation strategy approved by the HSE has been approved and funded; the position regarding recommendation 20 concerning systematic cholesterol screening; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61541/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3499. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to improve trauma services at St. James's Hospital, Dublin.

PQ61516/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

3500. To ask the Minister for Health the services available at each primary care centre within Limerick, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61501/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

3501. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to see a psychiatrist at Limerick Mental Health Teams for a first appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61499/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

3502. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which patients who are diagnosed with latent autoimmune diabetes in adults (LADA) an autoimmune form of type 1 diabetes, after an initial, and later corrected, type 2 diagnosis can access the continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) sensor reimbursement pathway.

PQ61429/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

3503. To ask the Minister for Health if the register of licences established under section 23 of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Act 2023 will be made available for public inspection; the date on which it will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61564/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3504. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided for the infrastructure necessary to establish a Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Programme at Cork University Hospital (details supplied); when development of the programme will commence; when patients in the South of Ireland will have access to these services locally; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61526/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3505. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait times for dermatology patch testing at Naas General Hospital; and the number of patients currently awaiting this procedure.

PQ61515/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

3506. To ask the Minister for Health to review and reform the exclusionary ‘from the outset’ and diabetes-type restriction tied to continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) reimbursement.

PQ61427/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

3507. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE registrars in maxillofacial surgery posts that were filled at the Mater Hospital as of 17 August 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61514/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

3508. To ask the Minister for Health the number of schools in Kildare that did not receive a routine school dental screening visit in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61513/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

3509. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant orthopaedic surgeons posts filled at Croom Orthopaedic Hospital as of 14 August 2026; if she will provide the same figures for 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61495/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

3510. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GMS GP posts vacant in County Galway as of latest date available; the number of practices closed to new patients; the number of retirements and new entrants in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61483/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

3511. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 771 of 7 July 2026, to provide an update on the work her Department is doing to progress a pricing and reimbursement application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61410/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

3512. To ask the Minister for Health the number of coronary care beds that have direct telemetry connection to the cardiac care monitoring suites in each model 4 hospital, in tabular form.

PQ61390/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3513. To ask the Minister for Health when the contract for the provision of cafe/restaurant services at the Mater Hospital are scheduled to be put out to tender.

PQ61462/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

3514. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing and funding allocated to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61387/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3515. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to reduce waiting times for grade five patients specifically, given the clinical urgency attached to that classification (details supplied).

PQ60412/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

3516. To ask the Minister for Health if she will amend the Health Act 1970 to ensure that related supports are made available to those with long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60396/26 | MATT CARTHY

3517. To ask the Minister for Health whether the health insurance authority has examined the impact of increasing orthopaedic excesses and co-payments on access to treatment for older persons who hold private health insurance policies; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60389/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3518. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to legislate for medical professionals to require informed consent before using AI tools for a medical appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60387/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

3519. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting a CAMHS appointment, by CHO area; the average waiting time in each area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60386/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3520. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which private health insurers have increased excesses, shortfalls and co-payments for orthopaedic procedures such as hip and knee replacements over the past five years; whether an assessment has been carried out of the impact of these charges on older policyholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60385/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3521. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting cataract surgery; if the procedure will be expedited given the person's age and deteriorating vision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60381/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

3522. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the need to include persons in a same-sex couple in the scheme for free IUI, IVF and ICSI; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60380/26 | IVANA BACIK

3523. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to make hormone replacement therapy free by funding GP consultation costs that are necessary to avail of treatment.

PQ60376/26 | IVANA BACIK

3524. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed redevelopment of Beaumont Hospital's emergency department and associated additional bed capacity, including the proposed 95-bed development; the current stage of the project; if the project is currently on time; the anticipated timeline for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60912/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

3525. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given for the inclusion of chronic hepatitis B in the long-term illness scheme (LTIS); when the list of qualifying conditions for the LTIS was last clinically reviewed; the criteria used to add conditions to the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60597/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

3526. To ask the Minister for Health the additional staffing resources identified as necessary to implement the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway, including specialist nursing, neurology, psychology, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and dietetic supports and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60876/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3527. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway will be approved simultaneously with the pathway itself to ensure immediate implementation following approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60875/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3528. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support workers employed in County Cork, Cork and Kerry (HSE Southwest) and each HSE Health Region, respectively, at the most recent reporting date; the comparable figures for the same period in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60564/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3529. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting the commencement of a home support in each HSE region; the corresponding figures for the same period in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60558/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3530. To ask the Minister for Health to allocate a bed in Caherciveen Community Hospital or Valentia Hospital to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60515/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3531. To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to intervene to facilitate speedy patient access to tucatinib metastatic cancer medicine for patients who have been advised by their oncology teams that this medicine is clinically appropriate; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60501/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

3532. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the chronic waiting times especially for senior citizens at the accident and emergency department at University Hospital Kerry who have been left waiting on chairs and trolleys for 12 hours and longer in the hospital; if she will address the chronic shortage of nurses and doctors in the hospital, where existing staff overworked (details supplied) and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60714/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3533. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists providing services through the dental treatment services scheme per CHN area in each of the years 2022 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61617/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3534. To ask the Minister for Health the monthly theatre utilisation rate; and the number of scheduled theatre sessions at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan over the past three years, in tabular form.

PQ61607/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

3535. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the sanctioned WTE filled staff within Meath mental health nursing services, in tabular form.

PQ61606/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

3536. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; when it is expected to be approved; whether dedicated funding and staffing will be provided for its implementation across all health regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61594/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

3537. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the need to ensure an independent body is available to receive complaints in respect of individual cases of mistreatment of users in nursing homes, hospices and care facilities; her views on the need for effective oversight beyond the

policies and procedures already in place between the HSE, facilities, internal policies, the Ombudsman and HIQA; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61710/26 | IVANA BACIK

3538. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant endocrinologists posts filled at Cork University Hospital as of 14 August 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61678/26 | ALAN KELLY

3539. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE Respite Beds available in Tipperary in each of the years 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ61676/26 | ALAN KELLY

3540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in August 2024, 2025 and 2026 in community psychiatry, community psychology and community CAMHS in Tipperary.

PQ61673/26 | ALAN KELLY

3541. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting electromyography testing at University Hospital Limerick broken down by waiting time bands; and the average waiting times for this procedure.

PQ61672/26 | ALAN KELLY

3542. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that the absence of a diabetic pump is preventing a person (details supplied) with type one diabetes from securing mortgage protection on their home mortgage, placing the person and his family in a vulnerable and stressful situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61720/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3543. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate measures her Department is taking to address the staffing deficits within the Diabetes Clinic at MRH Mullingar, where clinical staff have indicated that services are likely to worsen due to further staff departures; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61719/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3544. To ask the Minister for Health if she will urgently intervene to ensure that a person (details supplied) with type one diabetes, who has been placed on the urgent waitlist for a diabetic pump at MRH Mullingar, is provided with the necessary device without further delay, given the clinic's stated inability to supply a pump due to staffing shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61718/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3545. To ask the Minister for Health if nursing homes are required to inform HIQA or any other relevant authorities, where there are circumstances giving rise to issues surrounding possible neglect, injury or safeguarding; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61717/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3546. To ask the Minister for Health the standards that are required to ensure consistency of information to both parties, when there is discrepancies between what a nursing home tells a family about a fall by a resident, and the staff subsequently tell ambulance personnel; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61716/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3547. To ask the Minister for Health the current complaints and oversight arrangements for private home support/care agencies who are delivering care to individuals; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61715/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3548. To ask the Minister for Health when a community health care centre (details supplied) will be allocated an occupational therapist; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61714/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

3549. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is any plan to mandate block-booked, same-day scheduling for post-treatment patients when combined imaging (like a mammogram and ultrasound) is clinically required, rather than recovering patients travelling back and forth on separate days; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61640/26 | EMER CURRIE

3550. To ask the Minister for Health the safeguards in place in nursing homes to ensure that information given to the family of a resident, and when an ambulance is called to the ambulance personnel, hospital and other healthcare professionals is accurate and consistent and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61728/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3551. 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.

PQ61441/26 | BARRY WARD

3552. To ask the Minister for Health her views on whether it is acceptable for a nursing home to have a policy of not informing a resident's family about an unwitnessed fall early in the night until the following morning, 12 hours later; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61727/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3553. To ask the Minister for Health the records or assessments that are required to be completed in a nursing home following an unwitnessed fall, including records of the resident's position when found, observations, injuries and bruising; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61726/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3554. To ask the Minister for Health the national guidelines or requirements in respect of nursing homes regarding notifying a resident's next of kin following an unwitnessed fall, particularly when the resident is elderly and extremely vulnerable; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61724/26 | SEAN FLEMING

3555. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm whether any national protocol or escalation pathway exists to ensure that patients on urgent waitlists for diabetic pumps can be prioritised where the absence of such a device has significant financial or personal consequences; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61721/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3556. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an assessment by the CAMHS Intellectual disability CAMHS ID team in Blackrock, Cork; whether support will be provided to the family; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61621/26 | COLM BURKE

3557. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on post-cancer surveillance lists; the average waiting time for an appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61638/26 | EMER CURRIE

3558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of licences issued under section 13 of the Public Health (Tobacco Products and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Act 2023 since 2 February 2026, disaggregated by licences in respect of a premises, and licences in respect of online sales, and by licence type, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61498/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3559. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the establishment of a stem cell transplant and cellular therapy centre at Cork University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61620/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3560. To ask the Minister for Health to consider increasing financial supports to radiation therapy students, to include paid final-year clinical internships, travel and accommodation allowances during placements, and a uniform allowance, bringing radiation therapy students in line with other healthcare professions.

PQ60273/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

3561. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE staff in the mammograms/ultrasounds unit in the Mater Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61634/26 | EMER CURRIE

3562. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to address the national shortage of parkinson's nurse specialists; the current number of parkinson's nurse specialists employed by the HSE and through community organisations; the planned number of additional posts to be recruited; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59931/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

3563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of post-cancer patients that are currently waiting past their due date for annual surveillance mammograms/ultrasounds at the Mater Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ61632/26 | EMER CURRIE

3564. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting months for a CORU application to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59618/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3565. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for months for a CORU application to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60414/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3566. To ask the Minister for Health if officials from her Department or the HSE have engaged with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the inclusion of a conference session entitled "Lactation Support for Gender-Diverse Families"; whether an assessment has been undertaken of the clinical evidence and child welfare considerations associated with the subject matter of that session; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61775/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3567. To ask the Minister for Health if funding, sponsorship, educational support or other financial assistance has been provided by her Department, the HSE, or agencies under her remit to an organisation (details supplied) during 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will provide a breakdown of such funding.

PQ61774/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3568. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment, that has been undertaken by her Department or the HSE regarding the nutritional adequacy, composition and safety of milk produced through induced lactation in persons who have not undergone pregnancy; whether any safeguarding guidance, protocols or risk assessments exist for healthcare professionals supporting induced lactation where infants are involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61773/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3569. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department, the HSE, or any agency under her remit has issued, endorsed or adopted clinical guidance relating to induced lactation in persons who have not undergone pregnancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61772/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3570. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the rollout of the common conditions service; the number of community pharmacists that have undergone training to provide the service; the number of pharmacies now providing the service; the number of pharmacies in Tipperary that provide this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61770/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3571. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Act 2024; the timeframe when it will be fully implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61765/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3572. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on work to develop a scheme to train more staff in the acute sector to fit long-acting reversible contraceptives; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61808/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3573. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Health (Provision of Contraception Prescribing Service in Retail Pharmacy Businesses) Bill 2026.

PQ61807/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3574. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the rollout of National Perinatal Genomics Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61810/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3575. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2378 of 9 June 2026, for an update on plans to extend the UHL hospital campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61799/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3576. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2378 of 9 June 2026, for an update on the strategic assessment of the improvement and expansion of local services in Nenagh model two hospital; the services the HSE and her Department are considering for improvement and expansion; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61811/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3577. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61813/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

3578. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels for physiotherapy services supporting children and young people with cerebral palsy; the vacancy rates where applicable; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61791/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3579. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2378 of 9 June 2026, for an update on plans to expand capacity at the UHL Dooradoyle site; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61798/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3580. To ask the Minister for Health if she will launch a HTA of CGM sensors for people with type two diabetes mellitus or other types of diabetes has not been undertaken in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61795/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3581. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to further expand the age range for the BreastCheck programme; when it is expected that HIQA will complete their evidence review regarding same; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61794/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recorded cases of cerebral palsy that have been linked to traumatic birth incidents, in each of the past five years; the guidance there is in relation to informing and supporting families in these cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61793/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3583. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to further expand the age range for the national bowel screening programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61790/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3584. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of physiotherapy provision available to children and young people diagnosed with cerebral palsy; the average frequency and duration of physiotherapy sessions currently provided; the guidance and clinical standards being followed in relation to physiotherapy provision for children and young people with cerebral palsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61788/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3585. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels for physiotherapy services supporting children and young people with cerebral palsy, including vacancy rates where applicable; the levels of physiotherapy support that are commissioned and funded; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61786/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

3586. To ask the Minister for Health the value of a report that only captures data from State-funded service providers who have made the necessary annual returns to the HRB; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61484/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

3587. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital; if the detailed design stage has concluded; if tenders have been issued for this project; when construction will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61411/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

3588. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who underwent cardiovascular screening or assessment in 2025 and to date in 2026; and the steps being taken to improve early detection of heart disease among women.

PQ61389/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3589. To ask the Minister for Health the WTE staff, by job title vacancies currently within HSE Dublin and North East Regional Health Area Mental Health Services; and the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form.

PQ61388/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3590. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of the new Cahersiveen primary care centre, County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61180/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3591. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the progress of the HSE's review of the National Huntington's Disease Care Pathway; the measures she is taking to ensure that those with Huntington's disease can access equivalent or better care to those with Huntington's in other jurisdictions; if she is aware of the recent ruling (details supplied); and the measures she is taking to address the fact there is a lack of specialist, coordinated care.

PQ61174/26 | PA DALY

3592. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite a Fair Deal application in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61032/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3593. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reports that NTPF funding cuts are leading to delays in individuals receiving surgical appointments at Cappagh Hospital and that patients are being informed of such funding issues directly by the hospital; the steps her Department will take to ensure that such cuts will not impact on the timely care of patients; the level of cuts in NTPF funding to this hospital; the precise impact of such a cut on this hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60948/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of existing home support recipients awaiting approved additional home support hours in County Cork, Cork and Kerry (HSE Southwest) and each HSE Health Region, respectively, at the most recent reporting date; the equivalent figures for the same period in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60562/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3595. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department and bodies under her aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61577/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3596. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department issued a circular to all section 38 bodies advising of revised probation periods from one year to six months.

PQ61830/26 | MARK WARD

3597. To ask the Minister for Health her stance on section 38 bodies issuing and enforcing 39 hours-per-week contracts on health and social care professionals despite directive from the HSE that these posts are funded for 35 hours-per-week.

PQ61829/26 | MARK WARD

3598. To ask the Minister for Health if public service staff employment contracts should have been amended in 2022 to reflect the change in hours/pay in 2022.

PQ61828/26 | MARK WARD

3599. To ask the Minister for Health if the post of instructor supervisor, specialist agencies (basic grade, code 6425) were subject to FEMPI and restoration of hours/pay in 2022.

PQ61827/26 | MARK WARD

3600. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to HSE HR Circular 003 2026 which lists 'workshop instructor supervisor, specialist agencies (basic grade, code 6425)', the number of hours per week that equates to a full-time position.

PQ61826/26 | MARK WARD

3601. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review correspondence (details supplied); the consideration being given to the introduction of free MART inhalers for children aged 12 to 17 years-of-age; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61858/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3602. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the independent inquiry into the historical licensing and prescribing of a medication (details supplied) here; when the inquiry will complete its work and publish its report; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61850/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

3603. To ask the Minister for Health her views on the need for an independent, governed National register network and Acute-To-Community Framework to establish the number of persons using home-ental-nutrition; the reason for withdrawal of an adult home-ental-nutrition guideline by the HSE as of 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61860/26 | IVANA BACIK

3604. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to introduce a National Care Pathway, as proposed by the HSE in 2022, for people who have Huntington's disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61864/26 | JEN CUMMINS

3605. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a two-year waiting list for an occupational therapist home assessment has been allowed to develop; the number of persons that are currently waiting for a home assessment in HSE Dublin and north east, HSE Dublin and midlands and HSE Dublin and south-east regions; the steps her Department is taking to address this backlog; the number of occupational therapists currently employed by the HSE for the purpose of completing home assessments in these regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61921/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

3606. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3373 of 28 July 2026, the name and address at the time of application for each GP who has so far been identified to receive the social deprivation grant for the 2025-2027 term; the level of funding allocated to each of those GPs to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61920/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

3607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the full capacity protocol was initiated at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively.

PQ61906/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3608. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of each capital project funded by the HSE and/or her Department at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively.

PQ61905/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3609. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); the status of the follow-up appointment at the Rotunda Hospital following a recent procedure; if the appointment will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61929/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3610. To ask the Minister for Health the capital projects agreed and funded at OLOLH for each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively; and to provide the details and an overview of each project.

PQ61904/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of theatres operational at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively.

PQ61903/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3612. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in-patient and out-patient Did Not Attends at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61902/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3613. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in-patient hospital cancellations at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61901/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3614. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 736 of 14 July 2026, to set out the total cost of the review, including all fees and expenses paid; the procurement route; whether the engagement was subject to a competitive tender process; if not, the basis on which it was awarded; the date on which the engagement commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61930/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients outsourced at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61892/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of out-patient hospital cancellations at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61900/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds operational at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61899/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3618. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans actively underway to consider upgrading OLOLH, Drogheda to a model four hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61891/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nursing positions in place at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61898/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3620. To ask the Minister for Health if a formal review of OLOLH Drogheda's model three status has been undertaken; and if so, the status of same.

PQ61890/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3621. To ask the Minister for Health the total agency spend at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61897/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3622. To ask the Minister for Health the capital budget or total capital spend at OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61896/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3623. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the business case outlining the need for additional posts for north Tipperary CDNT in order to bring their WTE to client ratio in line with the national average; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61888/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3624. To ask the Minister for Health the operating budget for OLOLH Drogheda in each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61895/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3625. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient waiting times at OLOLH Drogheda, broken down by speciality and in wait time bands (details supplied) in each of the years 2016 to 2026.

PQ61894/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3626. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department attendances at OLOLH Drogheda for each of the years 2016 to 2026 respectively, in tabular form.

PQ61893/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

3627. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment her Department and the HSE have made of the potential impact on healthcare provision arising from changes to accommodation arrangements for Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection from 2027 (details supplied); whether consideration has been given to continuity of access to all healthcare services where individuals or families are required to relocate; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61962/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Ukrainian beneficiaries of temporary protection currently residing in rapid-build accommodation who are receiving ongoing HSE healthcare or support services; whether additional demand or costs arising from changes in accommodation arrangements have been identified for 2027; whether funding has been requested or provided for these costs in the 2027 estimates process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61963/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3629. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Government's digitalisation strategy.

PQ61988/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

3630. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the increased incidents in drink spiking and to establish a clear national pathway across hospitals, supported by appropriate clinical protocols.

PQ61989/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3631. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical and gender-equality justification for current HSE guidelines that restrict routine serum ferritin and iron panel testing on standard general practice blood draws; if she is aware that relying solely on full blood counts (FBC) systematically underdiagnoses iron deficiency without anaemia (IDWA) in menstruating and perimenopausal women (details supplied); if she will direct the HSE to reinstate automated or age/gender-stratified ferritin screening for women aged 12 to 55 to close this diagnostic gap in women's healthcare; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62009/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3632. To ask the Minister for Health the reason public hospital day-wards and haematology departments refuse GP referrals for intravenous iron infusions for patients suffering from severe IDWA based solely on normal haemoglobin thresholds; her views on whether these policies disproportionately leave menstruating and perimenopausal women suffering (details supplied); to direct the HSE to update national screening and infusion protocols to treat severe tissue iron depletion as an independent clinical indicator for rapid-acting treatment under the Women's Health Action Plan framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62010/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3633. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 223 of 8 July 2026, whether the NTPF procurement opportunity published on eTenders on 10 August 2026 under "Establishment of a Framework of Private Healthcare Providers for the Provision of Additional Healthcare Capacity" is the framework referred to in that response; whether this procurement forms part of her previously outlined plans for the procurement of ophthalmology services or if it is a separate procurement opportunity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62011/26 | COLM BURKE

3634. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 736 of 14 July 2026, the terms of reference of that review (details supplied); the total number of recommendations made; the number of those recommendations implemented in full, partially implemented, and not yet implemented respectively to date; if she will provide the review's terms of reference and the full list of recommendations notwithstanding the

decision not to publish the report in full; if she will reconsider publication of the report, or redacted version or executive summary; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62012/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3635. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of arrangements to transfer the oncology care of a person (details supplied) from Galway University Hospital to an appropriate service in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62004/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3636. To ask the Minister for Health if children awaiting OT services with North Tipperary CAMHS are being discharged as there is no OT currently in place; if so, the reason this is the case as recruitment is ongoing for the post; if these children will be readmitted to the service when the OT post is filled; in the interim, if these children are being referred to another service where they can receive OT care they require; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61983/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3637. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent appointment with an orthopaedic consultant; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62013/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3638. To ask the Minister for Health if she will examine whether families without advocacy support are being disadvantaged in accessing ambulance transport in exceptional paediatric cases.

PQ61873/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3639. To ask the Minister for Health the guidance that has been issued to hospitals regarding risk assessments on coordinating safe transport for paediatric patients whose condition makes ordinary car transport unsafe (details supplied).

PQ61872/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3640. To ask the Minister for Health if she will investigate reports that a family had difficulty securing a trolley for a child (details supplied) in a cast during discharge from Mayo University Hospital.

PQ61871/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3641. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review discharge procedures in Mayo University Hospital following allegations that a child (details supplied) was nearly discharged prematurely and without appropriate mobility and transport supports.

PQ61870/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3642. To ask the Minister for Health the supports and transport arrangements available to families of children with significant mobility limitations attending follow up outpatient appointments.

PQ61869/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3643. To ask the Minister for Health she will establish the reason a risk assessment was not carried out before the discharge of a child (details supplied) with a serious injury from Mayo University Hospital on 16 July 2026.

PQ61868/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3644. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of a case (details supplied) in Mayo University Hospital in which a family was reportedly told that ambulance transport was only available to elderly patients; and if she will confirm whether such a policy exists.

PQ61867/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3645. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the policy governing ambulance transport for children attending outpatient appointments, particularly where a child is in a hip spica cast (details supplied) or otherwise unable to travel safely by private car.

PQ61866/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3646. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the research ongoing within her Department in relation to the risks associated with the use of cannabis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62029/26 | BARRY WARD

3647. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the public health campaign proposed by her Department in relation to the dangers of cannabis use; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62028/26 | BARRY WARD

3648. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to the societal impact of the sale of synthetic cannabinoids; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62027/26 | BARRY WARD

3649. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to the societal impact of the use of synthetic cannabinoids; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62026/26 | BARRY WARD

3650. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to the societal impact of the sale of cannabis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62025/26 | BARRY WARD

3651. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to the societal impact of the use of cannabis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62023/26 | BARRY WARD

3652. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the research ongoing within her Department in relation to the risks associated with the use of synthetic cannabinoids; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62022/26 | BARRY WARD

3653. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a public health campaign proposed by her Department in relation to the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62021/26 | BARRY WARD

3654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently on the dermatology outpatient waiting list at Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore; the number categorised as urgent versus routine; the average waiting time for each category; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62073/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3655. To ask the Minister for Health the factors contributing to the current dermatology outpatient waiting time of approximately 103 weeks at Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore; the steps being taken to reduce this waiting time; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62072/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3656. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm the number of consultant dermatologist posts that are sanctioned for Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore; the number of those posts that are currently filled; the number that remain vacant, in view of a notification issued to a person stating that he has been placed on the dermatology out patients waiting list with an estimated wait time of approximately 103 weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62071/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3657. To ask the Minister for Health when construction of the proposed 20-bed level three inpatient palliative care facility in Tullamore is expected to commence; when the facility is expected to become operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62113/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3658. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the current status of the proposed Midlands Regional Hospice at Arden Lane, Tullamore; the steps completed since planning permission was granted; the outstanding steps required before construction can commence; and the expected timeline for these works.

PQ62112/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3659. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm that the €24 million committed by Government in December 2023 for the development of a 20-bed level three inpatient palliative care facility at Arden Lane, Tullamore, remains fully available and ring-fenced for the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62111/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3660. To ask the Minister for Health the safety measures being taken in relation to the products on offer from vape shops and specifically HHC products; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62110/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

3661. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3390 of 28 July 2026, when will the new recruitment campaign referenced will be initiated for the vacant senior occupational therapist post in North Tipperary CAMHS; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62156/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3662. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recruitment campaigns that have taken place for the vacant senior occupational therapist post in North Tipperary CAMHS since recruitment commenced in 2024; when each campaign took place; the number of successful candidates placed on a panel following each campaign; the reasons the position was not subsequently filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62155/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3663. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3390 of 28 July 2026, if the reasons are known to the HSE why three panel candidates did not express an interest in taking up the senior occupational therapist with post in North Tipperary CAMHS following offers issued in July 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62154/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3664. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on her Department's effort on approving and funding for the care pathway for those living with Huntington's disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62153/26 | EMER CURRIE

3665. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department plans to establish and fund dedicated mental health emergency departments for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, who are medically stable and do not require treatment in traditional emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62162/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3666. To ask the Minister for Health if reliance solely on the Pobal deprivation index is appropriate for determining Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme locations; if additional criteria will be considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62192/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3667. To ask the Minister for Health when County Offaly can expect the appointment of a Sláintecare Healthy Communities Officer given the needs identified by local stakeholders; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62193/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3668. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to determine the 24 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme areas; the reason County Offaly was excluded despite comparable deprivation indicators; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62191/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3669. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 818, 814 and 815 of 23 June 2026, if the business case for the development of neurology services at Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore was approved for inclusion in the estimates for the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62172/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

3670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting assessment for, approval for, and implantation of deep brain stimulation (DBS) therapy; the average and median waiting times at each stage of the pathway; the number of DBS procedures carried out in each of the past five years, by hospital; the number of persons currently on DBS waiting lists, broken down by neurological condition; the measures being taken to reduce waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62171/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

3671. To ask the Minister for Health the status of each community neurorehabilitation team in HSE areas (details supplied); the composition of each team, including all clinical and non-clinical disciplines; the whole-time equivalent staffing level for each role within each team; the date on which each team became operational, where applicable; the number of persons accessing each team per month since commencement of each service; the total number of persons who have accessed each team; the breakdown of service users by primary neurological condition in each year since establishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62170/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

3672. To ask the Minister for Health if she intends to direct the HSE to begin the collection of data related to excess mortality rates due to extreme heat events; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62169/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3673. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the Organ Donation and Transplantation Strategy; when it will be published and implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62168/26 | JOHN LAHART

3674. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2025 Organ Donation and Transplantation Report will be released; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62167/26 | JOHN LAHART

3675. To ask the Minister for Health the reason lung transplant numbers have not returned to pre-Covid levels with just 16 in 2025; the measures being taken to increase transplant capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62166/26 | JOHN LAHART

3676. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline all funding allocated by her Department for projects, programmes and initiatives in the Cavan and Monaghan constituency from 1 January 2025 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ62179/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3677. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients travelling from County Longford to Tullamore Hospital for appointments weekly in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and the cost to the HSE of such transport annually.

PQ62221/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

3678. To ask the Minister for Health To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if the appointment could be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62229/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

3679. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding plans to ensure that treatment for complex or high risk pregnancies are consultant led in the context of proposals to withdraw private maternity care options; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62207/26 | BARRY WARD

3680. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the measures being taken to ensure that women continue to have access to continuity of care during pregnancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62206/26 | BARRY WARD

3681. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she had with management of maternity hospitals prior to the proposal to withdraw private maternity care options; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62205/26 | BARRY WARD

3682. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she had with maternity care clinicians prior to the proposal to withdraw private maternity care options; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62204/26 | BARRY WARD

3683. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the engagement she had with maternity service users prior to the proposal to withdraw private maternity care options; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62203/26 | BARRY WARD

3684. To ask the Minister for Health if she has considered the impact that a withdrawal of private maternity care services will have on women's choice in maternity care; if she can offer reassurances to people that have genuine concerns about this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62202/26 | BARRY WARD

3685. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive an urgent cardiology appointment.

PQ62249/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

3686. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.2086 of 9 June 2026, regarding reimbursement applications under the Cross-Border Directive, for an update on the current average processing time for such applications; the average time from receipt of a completed application to payment of reimbursement; whether processing and payment times have improved since the July response; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62251/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

3687. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure a person (details supplied) receives an initial assessment from the Community Healthcare Network for East Clare in order that they can be allocated a wheelchair and any other requirements will be dealt with; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62252/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

3688. To ask the Minister for Health if the person who is taking the locum position in Mayo University Hospital has insulin pump training.

PQ62250/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3689. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will make available for community use, a disused building on the lands and adjacent to the Castleknock health facility, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15, D15 ED74; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ62256/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3690. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is the owner of the buildings and lands at the Castleknock Health Facility, Castleknock Road, Dublin 15, D15 ED74; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ62255/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3691. To ask the Minister for Health if exceptions are available to the five-year denture replacement interval under HSE dental schemes where age-related changes make existing dentures unsuitable before the replacement date; if she will consider introducing greater flexibility for patients of advanced age; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62289/26 | JOHN LAHART

3692. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied).

PQ62291/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3693. To ask the Minister for Health the status of national plans to expand neuro-rehabilitation teams across regional hospitals; the expected role of Portlaoise Hospital within this expansion; if additional resources will be allocated to ensure equitable access for patients in Laois and Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62295/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3694. To ask the Minister for Health the current hub and spoke arrangements between Tullamore Hospital, Portlaoise Hospital, St. James's Hospital and Tallaght Hospital for neurology and neuro-rehabilitation services; the basis on which patients with Parkinson's disease are directed to local services rather than tertiary centres; the governance structure overseeing these referral pathways; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62294/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3695. To ask the Minister for Health the referral criteria for access to the neuro-rehabilitation or multidisciplinary neurology services at Portlaoise Hospital; if referrals from County Offaly are being accepted; if not, the reason; the expected timeline for when Offaly referrals will resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62293/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3696. To ask the Minister for Health if a neuro-rehabilitation team is currently established or operational at Portlaoise Hospital; if so, the date on which the team was established; the staffing complement assigned; the disciplines included; the level of service that is available to patients with Parkinson's disease seeking multidisciplinary support; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62292/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3697. To ask the Minister for Health the current legislative position regarding the regulation of vaping and nicotine inhaling products; the progress and anticipated commencement date of legislation to prohibit the sale of single-use or disposable vapes; the timeline for the introduction of proposed restrictions (details supplied); if further restrictions on the sale and availability of vaping products, particularly those which may appeal to children and young people, are being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62328/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

3698. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 39755 2026, the specific document, protocol or framework, as distinct from the Health Act 2004, the Health Service Executive (Governance) Act 2019 and the general Performance and Accountability

Framework, that governs the respective responsibilities of her Department and the HSE at the point where a safeguarding or patient-safety concern arises; if that document is published; and, if so, to provide a copy or link.

PQ62350/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3699. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 39755/26, the number of occasions on which the formal escalation process under the HSE Performance and Accountability Framework has been triggered in each of the past 24-months, broken down by category of concern performance, governance, risk and patient safety; and the number of those escalations that reached the Chief Executive Officer and the HSE Board respectively.

PQ62351/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3700. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 39755/26, the reason the question was referred to the HSE for reply rather than answered directly by her Department (details supplied); and if her Department endorses the content of the reply issued by the HSE in response to that question.

PQ62352/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3701. To ask the Minister for Health if there are supports to cover the cost of medical exams and eye tests for drivers over the age of 75 in order to renew their driver licence; if these are covered on the medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62354/26 | MARK WARD

3702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have lost access to a medical card, prescribed medication or other State funded healthcare following the issuing of a return decision or deportation order in 2025 and to date in 2026; if this includes persons receiving mental health treatment or treatment for chronic illness; if continuity of care for such persons is monitored; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62381/26 | GARY GANNON

3703. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to their decision to refuse reimbursement for skyclarys in the treatment of Friedreich's ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62389/26 | BARRY WARD

3704. To ask the Minister for Health the actions she will take to engage with the HSE in relation to the reimbursement for skyclarys in the treatment of Friedreich's ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62391/26 | BARRY WARD

3705. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with the campaign organisers in relation to the reimbursement for skyclarys in the treatment of Friedreich's ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62390/26 | BARRY WARD

3706. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the recruitment for a consultant ophthalmologist in south Tipperary; the number of children who are now overdue an appointment since the retirement of a doctor (details supplied); the additional steps being taken to ensure these children receive an appointment or appropriate eye care in the community; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62403/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3707. To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene and use all powers available to her to ensure that the skyclarys treatment is approved for those patients living with Friedreich's ataxia; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62404/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3708. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an operation for a person (details supplied).

PQ62422/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3709. To ask the Minister for Health if any conferences dedicated to tobacco control or vaping control will take place during the Irish Presidency of the EU; her views on whether such events can help accelerate the long-awaited tobacco products directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62424/26 | COLM BURKE

3710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of health related conferences, summits, technical or high level meetings that have been scheduled to be held in Ireland, as part of Ireland's Presidency of the European Union; the number of these that involve the participation of international health organisations such as the WHO and the OECD health committee; the nature of Ireland's participation in such events; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62425/26 | COLM BURKE

3711. To ask the Minister for Health if €1million in funding will be given to the neurology service in Mullingar Regional Hospital; if so, when this funding will be accessible; and the other supports the HSE will provide to improve neurology services in the hospital.

PQ62427/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

3712. To ask the Minister for Health the reason local mental health and psychology support services in Trim, County Meath, were abruptly withdrawn without prior notice in August 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62484/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

3713. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure the return the advanced paramedic car to Trim, County Meath for use in first responder call outs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62483/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

3714. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide funding to an organisation (details supplied) to increase their number of dementia advisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62482/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

3715. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide specific ring fenced funding for the establishment of dementia cafes; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62481/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

3716. To ask the Minister for Health To ask the Minister for Health if she will address patient safety concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in County Kildare.

PQ62468/26 | MARK WALL

3717. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide funding of €100,000 to expand much needed day services for a facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62479/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

3718. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an ambulance base in Killorglin as a matter of priority (details supplied) to University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62500/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3719. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2826 of 14 April 2026, if free compression leggings can be provided to all patients diagnosed with lymphoedema every three months, as opposed to just those patients who are treated in specialist lymphoedema clinics (SLC's) in the community or early detection services; and if she will a statement on the matter.

PQ62499/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3720. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will put in place to reduce the waiting time for reimbursement under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme; and if priority can be given to those who have to return for a second procedure but cannot do so until reimbursed for the original procedure (details supplied).

PQ62547/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

3721. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints of penalisation connected to protected disclosures that were referred by HSE staff to the Workplace Relations Commission, in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62450/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3722. To ask the Minister for Health the reason referrals to the HSE from the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner doubled to 82 in 2025; whether the HSE has assessed whether this increase indicates confidence in its internal reporting channels; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62449/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3723. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE maintains a record tracking the implementation of recommendations arising from upheld and partially upheld protected disclosures from 2023 to the first quarter of 2025; the current implementation status of those recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62448/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3724. To ask the Minister for Health the reason patients in South Tipperary are not receiving hospital transport; the person or body that is currently operating hospital transport requests for patients in South Tipperary; if she will ensure that patients in South Tipperary will have continued access to hospital transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62549/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3725. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to resume OT appointments for children in the primary care center in Rialto; and her plans to address the staff vacancies.

PQ62528/26 | JEN CUMMINS

3726. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money that was allocated to implement the Lymphoedema /Lipoedema Model of Care by the HSE in 2024, 2025 and 2026; the amount of money spent to implement elements of the Lymphoedema /Lipoedema Model of Care; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ62498/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3727. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will consider adding lymphoedema to the list of conditions covered by the long term illness scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62497/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3728. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos 726 and 730 of 14 July 2026, which state that both consultation with clinical experts, patients and advocacy groups was undertaken as referenced in Parliamentary Question No. 691 of 28 May 2026, and that no minutes, records, file notes, meeting notes, internal correspondence or email communications exist in relation to that work, to state the documentary basis on which the HSE is able to assert that such consultation took place; and to identify the source relied upon for the statement made in Parliamentary Question No. 691 of 28 May 2026.

PQ62462/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3729. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the increase in cervical screening samples, taken in both community and colposcopy settings across the country, are being taken to laboratories outside Ireland for testing (details supplied); to confirm if this is due to a capacity issue; and, if not, the reason for samples being sent abroad.

PQ61500/26	JEN CUMMINS
3730.	To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the rules and guidance applying to the dispensing of repeat prescriptions for controlled drugs, including medications prescribed for ADHD; whether there is a nationally standardised period governing the earliest date on which a repeat prescription may be dispensed; the guidance provided to pharmacists to ensure consistency for patients; whether consideration has been given to the particular difficulties that restrictive or inconsistent dispensing arrangements can create for people (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62585/26	GARY GANNON
3731.	To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to funding home support packages with a similar scheme to the nursing home support scheme whereby families can keep their loved ones at home but receive financial support for hiring carers and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62597/26	MATTIE MCGRATH
3732.	To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the decision of the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) to refuse financial support for a patient (details supplied) seeking approval for planned healthcare treatment in another EU jurisdiction under the Cross Border Healthcare Directive; the reasons the application was refused; whether consideration was given to the urgency of the patient's clinical circumstances and scheduled treatment date; whether an appeal or exceptional review mechanism is available in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62643/26	PAUL LAWLESS
3733.	To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting on an MRI in the Mater Hospital Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62642/26	NIAMH SMYTH
3734.	To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE medical scientists posts filled at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown as of 18 August 2026; if she will provide the same figures as of 31 December 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62572/26	RODERIC O’GORMAN
3735.	To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting urodynamics testing at Beaumont Hospital, broken down by length of waiting duration; the average waiting time for the test; the steps being taken to increase capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62569/26	RODERIC O’GORMAN
3736.	To ask the Minister for Health the current timeline in place to clear the surveillance mammogram backlog at the breast health unit at the Mater hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62508/26	RUTH COPPINGER
3737.	To ask the Minister for Health the current amount of operational mammography and ultrasound units in the breast health unit at the Mater Hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62507/26	RUTH COPPINGER
3738.	To ask the Minister for Health the current amount of whole time equivalent vacancy rates for radiographers, sonographers, and consultant radiologists in the breast health unit at the Mater hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62506/26	RUTH COPPINGER
3739.	To ask the Minister for Health the current amount of post cancer patients past their due date for an annual surveillance mammogram or ultrasound in the Mater hospital, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62505/26	RUTH COPPINGER
3740.	To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1943 of 9 June 2026 and to the HSE reply of 20 August 2026, to provide the agenda, minutes and record of recommendations of the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee in respect of its consideration in December 2019 of the CAMHS consultant post referencing WPATH Standards of Care Version 7; and to name the person or persons who approved that post on behalf of the HSE.
PQ62461/26	KEN O’FLYNN
3741.	To ask the Minister for Health if she will increase the income limit on medical cards for over 70s in line with inflation.
PQ62653/26	MICHAEL HEALY-RAE
3742.	To ask the Minister for Health if she will intervene in relation to the provision of Skylarys for people living with Friedrich's ataxia, given further delays in providing the drug risks the deterioration of health of people living with the condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62459/26	EOIN Ó BROIN
3743.	To ask the Minister for Health in view of the fact that alleged endangerment of health and safety was both the single largest category of allegation and the largest share of upheld findings in the HSE Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2025, whether the increase in such allegations was escalated to the HSE senior leadership team as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee; the measures put in place as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62447/26	KEN O’FLYNN
3744.	To ask the Minister for Health the number of valid protected disclosures made to the HSE in 2025 that remained open at year end; the average time taken to close a valid protected disclosure; the number that remain open to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
PQ62445/26	KEN O’FLYNN

3745. To ask the Minister for Health if the planning application for the elective hospital in Cork will be made in September 2026.

PQ62674/26 | THOMAS GOULD

3746. To ask the Minister for Health if the surgical hub in the CUH will open by the end of September 2026.

PQ62675/26 | THOMAS GOULD

3747. To ask the Minister for Health further to the HSE Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2025, the details of the specific actions taken by the HSE on foot of each protected disclosure allegation that was upheld or partially upheld during 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62444/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3748. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the proposed reconfiguration of residential services at St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire (details supplied); the rationale for selecting this option; the alternative options considered; the number of older-person residential beds that will be lost at unit 1; if these will be replaced on a like-for-like basis elsewhere within the public HSE system; the intended future use of the second floor of block 8 once vacated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62680/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

3749. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the contractual or service arrangements between the HSE and a company (details supplied) in relation to the provision of diagnostic and medical services to public and medical card patients; the reason private patients appear to receive preferential access to appointments and treatment despite the HSE being a significant purchaser of services from the company; the safeguards in place to ensure that patients are prioritised on the basis of clinical need and urgency rather than their status as public or private patients.

PQ62692/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

3750. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the contractual or service arrangements between the HSE and a company (details supplied) for the provision of diagnostic and medical services to public and medical card patients; and the details of the current waiting times and the measures being taken to address these delays and ensure equitable access to care, particularly for patients reliant on the public healthcare system.

PQ62693/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

3751. To ask the Minister for Health the current projected timeline for the completion and opening of the surgical hub and ambulatory oncology unit at Letterkenny University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62710/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

3752. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to establish a dedicated mental health triage unit at Beaumont Hospital for people presenting to the emergency department in urgent mental health crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62718/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3753. To ask the Minister for Health if she is considering the call from an organisation (details supplied) in the context of Budget 2027, for the phased introduction of free MART inhalers for children aged 12–17 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62492/26 | JOHN LAHART

3754. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the actions she is taking regarding the sale of synthetic cannabinoid products; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62020/26 | BARRY WARD

3755. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) in relation to the sale of cannabinoids; the actions she is taking to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62019/26 | BARRY WARD

3756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant gynaecologists currently serving Galway and the HSE west and north-west Health Region; whether there are vacancies in approved consultant posts; the plans in place to increase consultant gynaecology capacity in the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62768/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3757. To ask the Minister for Health to support a pre-Budget submission by an organisation (details supplied) for investment in new and expanded dementia-specific day care services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62773/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3758. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of patients waiting nationally and in Galway for risk-reducing double mastectomy with reconstructive surgery; the average waiting times for patients awaiting risk-reducing double mastectomy with reconstructive surgery; the projected waiting time for patients currently on the waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62774/26 | CHARLES WARD

3759. To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist plastic surgeons currently available to perform risk-reducing double mastectomy with reconstructive surgery; the extent to which maternity leave, vacancies and lack of cover have affected available capacity; whether other additional surgical capacity is being pursued to provide such surgeries; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62775/26 | CHARLES WARD

3760. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have developed a recurrence of cancer while waiting for preventative surgery; if that information is recorded; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62776/26 | CHARLES WARD

3761. To ask the Minister for Health whether Galway may stop accepting new referrals for risk-reducing double mastectomy with reconstructive surgery; if so, the contingency arrangements in place; if alternative referral arrangements exist elsewhere in Ireland or internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62777/26 | CHARLES WARD

3762. To ask the Minister for Health if she will expedite the provision of a new maternity unit at University Hospital Kerry given the clinical risks to both mother and baby due to the location of the existing unit which is quite a distance from the operating theatre; if the facility will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62755/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3763. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a minor injury unit in Listowel to cater for the Listowel and greater north Kerry region to alleviate and address the pressure on the accident and emergency department in UHK; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62751/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3764. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of all hospitals that ran over budget for the past three years to date; the amount by which each hospital overran its budget; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62750/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3765. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite provision of a primary care unit in Killarney to alleviate and address the pressure on the accident and emergency department in UHK; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62748/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3766. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a minor injury unit in Killarney to alleviate and address the pressure on the accident and emergency department in UHK; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62747/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3767. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite and prioritise the new oncology unit at University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62745/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3768. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is progressing plans for a stem cell transplant service at Cork University Hospital; if so, the stage those plans have reached; the obstacles that remain to be addressed; who is responsible for any delays in progressing the service; if funding has been secured; and when the service is expected to become operational.

PQ62793/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3769. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite provision of a primary care unit in Caherciveen to cater for Caherciveen and the greater Iveragh peninsula; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62749/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3770. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite and prioritise a new endoscopy unit at University Hospital Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62746/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3771. To ask the Minister for Health to expedite the provision of the new 96-bed block at University Hospital Kerry to alleviate and address the pressure on the accident and emergency department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62737/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3772. To ask the Minister for Health when a date for an orthopaedic operation in Sligo University Hospital will be given to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; if they are on the urgent or routine waiting list; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62735/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

3773. To ask the Minister for Health when the Model 3 Report at Letterkenny University Hospital (details supplied) will be published along with a plan to address the issues raised by the report.

PQ62696/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

3774. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for a first outpatient gynaecology appointment at University Hospital Galway; the number of patients currently awaiting such appointments; the measures being taken to reduce waiting lists for gynaecology services in Galway and the HSE west and north-west health region; whether additional consultant gynaecology resources are planned for the region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62767/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

3775. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young people who have been refused access to CAMHS due to their pre use of hexahydrocannabinol (HHC) vapes; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62863/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3776. To ask the Minister for Health the services which were previously provided at the Monaghan Hospital campus since 2020 which have subsequently transferred to other hospitals; the years that the service was removed; the hospitals to which they were transferred, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62861/26 | MATT CARTHY

3777. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the HSE to ensure that dermatology services, previously provided at the Monaghan Hospital campus and subsequently transferred to Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda, are returned to Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62860/26 | MATT CARTHY

3778. To ask the Minister for Health if she will meet with a person (details supplied).

PQ62812/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3779. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently intervene and allow for transfer in this case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62810/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3780. To ask the Minister for Health to list the planned services to be delivered in the Swords Primary Care centre; to clarify if any services are guaranteed to be delivered and to list those services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62798/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

3781. To ask the Minister for Health the pathway that will be available to eligible Irish patients of phenylketonuria while the reimbursement process for sepiapterin is ongoing.

PQ62888/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3782. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being taken to ensure that Ireland's commitments under the National Rare Disease Strategy translate into timely access to innovative medicines for people living with rare diseases.

PQ62887/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3783. To ask the Minister for Health her engagement in relation to pre-reimbursement taking place between PTC and the relevant HSE bodies.

PQ62886/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3784. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of sepiapterin in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62885/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3785. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions on which interpreter services were provided within acute hospitals, primary care and community services in each of the past five years.

PQ62882/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3786. To ask the Minister for Health the annual expenditure by the HSE on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62881/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3787. To ask the Minister for Health if she will seek a review of whether the current Lifetime Community Rating system remains appropriate for the economic circumstances facing the squeezed middle; whether the balance should shift from a future age-related loading towards positive incentives or tax relief that help people afford and maintain insurance when they actually need it; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62864/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

3788. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time to receive an appointment to see a gynaecologist at University Hospital Galway; how this compares nationally; her plans to reduce the wait time; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62922/26 | SEÁN KYNE

3789. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the way in which the National Rare Disease Strategy is being implemented to ensure timely access to innovative treatments for rare disease patients, including those with Phenylketonuria (PKU).

PQ62911/26 | SEÁN CROWE

3790. To ask the Minister for Health the status of sepiapterin for the treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU) in Ireland; whether a formal pricing and reimbursement application has been submitted to the HSE by an organisation (details supplied); if not, the engagement that has taken place between the HSE and the company on the matter; the steps being taken to expedite access to this treatment; the indicative timeline for assessment and reimbursement once an application is received; the interim or early access arrangements available to eligible patients in the absence of reimbursement; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62910/26 | SEÁN CROWE

3791. To ask the Minister for Health the current clinical capacity of the Supra-Regional Endometriosis Centre operated by Cork University Maternity Hospital; the number of outpatient clinics and dedicated endometriosis theatre lists currently provided per week or month; the number of patients the service is expected to see; the number of surgical procedures it is expected to undertake annually when fully staffed; whether the service is currently operating at its intended capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62962/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3792. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients ordinarily resident in Cork who have been approved for and who have received endometriosis surgery abroad under the endometriosis surgery abroad interim scheme in 2025 and to date in 2026, respectively; the number of Cork patients currently approved and awaiting treatment abroad; the total cost to the State of providing such treatment for Cork patients in each year, including surgery and travel supports; the average cost per patient; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62961/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3793. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting an endometriosis-related surgical procedure at Cork University Maternity Hospital and its Supra-Regional Endometriosis Centre; the number waiting less than three months, three to six months, six to twelve

months and more than twelve months; the current average and longest waiting time for such surgery; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62960/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3794. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received by the Supra-Regional Endometriosis Centre operated by Cork University Maternity Hospital in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of referrals accepted; the number of patients subsequently seen; the number currently awaiting a first appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ62959/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3795. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgical procedures carried out for patients with endometriosis through Cork University Maternity Hospital and its Supra-Regional Endometriosis Centre in 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by type of procedure where possible; the number of patients who underwent surgery in each period; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62958/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3796. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who attended or were seen by the Supra-Regional Endometriosis Centre operated by Cork University Maternity Hospital in 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by new and return patients and by month, if available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62957/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

3797. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure by her Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62948/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3798. To ask the Minister for Health whether she has considered introducing a free shingles vaccination programme for adults aged 60 years and over, given that approximately half of all shingles cases occur in this age cohort and that the incidence and severity of the disease increase with age; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63012/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

3799. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated annual and five-year cost of introducing a free shingles vaccination programme for all adults aged 60 years and over; the projected uptake rate used in those calculations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63011/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

3800. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia-specific day care places currently available nationally and by CHO area; the number of people currently on waiting lists for such services; the plans in place to fund new or expanded dementia-specific day care services in Budget 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63036/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3801. To ask the Minister for Health the dedicated supports are currently available for people living with younger-onset dementia; whether the Department has assessed gaps in service provision for this cohort; and the additional supports under consideration in Budget 2027.

PQ63046/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3802. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE-funded early-stage dementia support programmes currently in operation, including community activity groups and cognitive support programmes; and the plans in place to expand these services in Budget 2027.

PQ63045/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3803. To ask the Minister for Health the availability of cognitive stimulation therapy programmes for people living with dementia in each CHO area; the number of participants who accessed such programmes in the past year; and whether additional funding will be provided to expand access nationally.

PQ63043/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3804. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia advisers currently employed nationwide; the areas where vacancies exist; the average caseload per adviser; whether additional posts will be funded in Budget 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63042/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3805. To ask the Minister for Health the current level of provision of the day care at home service for people living with dementia; the number of individuals availing of the service in each CHO area; whether an expansion of the scheme is planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63040/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3806. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people living with dementia currently in receipt of HSE-funded home support hours; whether an assessment has been carried out of the unmet demand for dementia-specific home care supports; and the measures being considered in Budget 2027 to increase access to home support hours for people with dementia.

PQ63039/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3807. To ask the Minister for Health whether additional funding will be provided in Budget 2027 for the development of new dementia-specific day care centres and the expansion of existing services; the locations currently under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63037/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3808. To ask the Minister for Health the interim arrangements that are currently available for women who require specialist inpatient perinatal mental health treatment while awaiting the opening of the Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63059/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3809. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds that will be provided in the proposed Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit and whether the HSE considers this capacity sufficient to meet projected national demand; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ63058/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3810. To ask the Minister for Health the projected opening date for Ireland's first inpatient Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit; the key milestones that remain before the facility becomes operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63055/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3811. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital and current expenditure associated with the development and operation of the first inpatient Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63054/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3812. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe within which a final decision will be made on the location of the proposed inpatient Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ63053/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3813. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of plans to deliver Ireland's first inpatient Mother and Baby Mental Health Unit, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ63052/26 | GRACE BOLAND

3814. To ask the Minister for Health the reason asthma is currently excluded from the long-term illness scheme; when the list of qualifying conditions was last formally reviewed on clinical grounds; whether her Department has assessed the cost of including chronic or moderate-to-severe asthma; whether the Minister intends to review or expand the qualifying conditions; and if there are no plans to include asthma, the clinical or policy rationale supports its continued exclusion.

PQ63062/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

3815. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to provide a facility that dentists in Limerick can refer special needs patients to, as these are patients who need sedation or general anesthesia to be able to treat them; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63060/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

3816. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to address delays in access to cerebral angiograms and other neurovascular diagnostic procedures at Beaumont Hospital; the average waiting time for a patient awaiting a formal catheter cerebral angiogram; the number of procedures postponed in each of the past three years due to bed shortages or capacity pressures; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63068/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3817. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been awaiting a formal catheter cerebral angiogram in Beaumont Hospital since it was recommended by a Neurovascular Multidisciplinary Team in December 2024; the number of times the procedure has been postponed due to bed capacity constraints; if he will liaise with Beaumont Hospital regarding the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63067/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3818. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2282 of 9 June 2026, and the finding that only 1% of 2,216 applicants stated they saw the advertisement in a journal, the assessment the HSE has made of the value for money of advertising consultant posts in medical journals; whether the HSE intends to continue such advertising; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63083/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3819. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2282 of 9 June 2026, and her statement that individual publications are not tracked to individual appointments, to confirm whether the HSE is able to attribute any consultant applicant, interviewee or appointee to any individual publication in which a post was advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63082/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3820. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2282 of 9 June 2026,, the total amount spent by the HSE and by Public Jobs on advertising consultant posts in medical journals and other publications, broken down by publication where available, in each year from 2021 to 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63080/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3821. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2282 of 9 June 2026, the total amount spent by the HSE and by Public Jobs on advertising consultant posts in the British Medical Journal in each year from 2021 to 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63079/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3822. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults awaiting respite services and residential placements in Kildare North; the measures being taken to increase respite and residential capacity for people with disabilities; the steps being taken to support family carers where respite services are unavailable or significantly reduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63073/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

3823. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the request from the Cork University Hospital chief executive for a derogation from current employment restrictions, and for approval of 172 priority posts including 24 hospital consultants; when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63099/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3824. To ask the Minister for Health whether Cork University Hospital is currently considered to be over its approved staffing ceiling or short of safe staffing levels; to set out the number of staff, by grade, that the Department and the HSE consider the hospital to be over or under; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63098/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3825. To ask the Minister for Health to set out in full the way in which the current employment ceiling and staffing limit for Cork University Hospital was derived; whether it reflects regionally approved, operationally committed and nationally mandated workforce allocations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63097/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3826. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants who accepted posts at Cork University Hospital and were subsequently denied formal contracts, the number now being onboarded and the dates on which each is due to commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63103/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3827. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which the assessment of the National Patient Safety Office is preferred over that of the Cork University Hospital chief executive and consultant staff in respect of staffing and patient safety at the hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63102/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3828. To ask the Minister for Health to reconcile the statement that there has been no evidence of an increase in serious patient safety concerns at Cork University Hospital with the decision of the Health Information and Quality Authority to investigate concerns raised by the hospital chief executive; to set out the basis for the Department's assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63101/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3829. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Department or the HSE will appoint an independent assessor to determine the appropriate staff ceiling for Cork University Hospital, as requested by the CUH Consultant Staff Committee and the hospital chief executive; if not, the reason therefor; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63100/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women referred to specialist perinatal mental health services who did not attend their initial assessment in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; whether reasons for non attendance are recorded; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63129/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3831. To ask the Minister for Health the average and longest waiting time between referral & first assessment by specialist perinatal mental health services in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63128/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3832. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received by specialist perinatal mental health services which were not accepted for assessment in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number redirected to another service; the principal reasons for referrals not being accepted; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63127/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3833. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women identified through HSE postnatal care as requiring mental health support who were signposted to a service other than specialist perinatal mental health services in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the services concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63126/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3834. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women identified through HSE postnatal depression screening as requiring further assessment or support in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number referred to specialist perinatal mental health services; the number who received an assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63125/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3835. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals to specialist perinatal mental health services in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; broken down by referral source, including GP, public health nurse, midwife, maternity service, emergency department, community mental health service & self-referral; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63124/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3836. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals received by specialist perinatal mental health services nationally in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number accepted for assessment; the number who subsequently received treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63123/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3837. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm that the national data collection system for specialist perinatal mental health services is now fully operational; the data collected; whether data is collected monthly from all maternity hospitals; and when the first national activity report will be published.

PQ63121/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3838. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE monitors compliance by maternity units and community services with the national guideline on assessment of postnatal mental health, whether compliance data are collected nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63120/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3839. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE routinely provides women who have experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth with information on the risk of postnatal depression, anxiety or trauma and the supports available; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63118/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3840. To ask the Minister for Health whether women who have experienced a previous miscarriage or stillbirth are routinely offered additional screening for postnatal depression or anxiety following a subsequent birth under current HSE guidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63117/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3841. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE's current national postnatal care guideline require a history of stillbirth or bereavement following the death of a child to be considered when assessing a woman's risk of postnatal depression or anxiety; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63115/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3842. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE's current national postnatal care guideline requires a woman's history of miscarriage to be considered when assessing her risk of postnatal depression or anxiety; if not, whether this has been considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63112/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3843. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who experienced a miscarriage and were referred to specialist perinatal mental health services in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ63130/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3844. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department ever carried out or supported the Local Authority on an environmental study into the lands of the former Dunsink landfill and the implications dumped materials at this site have on public health; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63119/26 | EMER CURRIE

3845. To ask the Minister for Health the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in her Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62988/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

3846. To ask the Minister for Health further to previous queries, the steps being taken by her Department to address concerns which have been raised by practice tutor radiographers within the HSE; if she will ensure pay parity in line with the EU pay transparency directive and regrade the position to a specialist role; and if she will review recent changes to training requirements which have been implemented by HEI's and agreed by CORU.

PQ63162/26 | ROBERT TROY

3847. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on steps being taken by her Department to ensure healthcare professionals suffering from long covid can qualify for a critical illness payment; if she is aware that there are currently over 150 such employees of the HSE suffering from long covid who have been deemed ineligible for this payment recently, if she is aware of the fact that the Taoiseach has recently given commitments that maximum flexibility would be applied to the critical protocol in such cases.

PQ63161/26 | ROBERT TROY

3848. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Health Service Executive intends to review the funding, oversight or governance arrangements in place for an organisation (details supplied) arising from recent media reporting; and if she will make a statement on the matter.'

PQ63158/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3849. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the Health Service Executive was aware, prior to recent media reporting, of the content of the programme for the forthcoming national conference (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63157/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3850. To ask the Minister for Health the governance, accountability and reporting requirements that the Health Service Executive applies to organisations in receipt of public funding, including any requirements relating to the content of professional programmes and the selection of conference speakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63156/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3851. To ask the Minister for Health if any public funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) is being used, directly or indirectly, to support that organisation's national conference; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63155/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3852. To ask the Minister for Health the nature and purpose of the funding provided by the Health Service Executive to an organisation (details supplied); the specific conditions, if any, attached to that funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63154/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3853. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding provided by the Health Service Executive to an organisation (details supplied), by amount, in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63153/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3854. To ask the Minister for Health if, in the context of proposed changes to the regulation of psychotherapists by Coru, her attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the lack of continued professional development, the reduction in training hours and the fact that psychotherapists will themselves no longer be required to receive their own psychotherapy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63144/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3855. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on proposed changes to the regulation of psychotherapists by Coru; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63143/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

3856. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3396 of 28 July 2026, with regards to recruitment efforts for the senior OT post in North Tipperary CAMHS, if any adjustments have been made to the post on offer to increase interest in the position since recruitment commenced in 2022; if not, the reason; and if adjustments will be made to the post before the next recruitment campaign commences.

PQ63183/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3857. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is aware of the apparent regulatory gap whereby the Medical Council regulates individual medical practitioners but does not regulate clinics or multidisciplinary healthcare teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63190/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3858. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department is aware of reports that private specialist ADHD service providers are charging significant fees to transfer patients between providers; whether her Department has examined the impact of such fees on continuity of care and access to treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63189/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3859. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made in developing ADHD services for adults in north Dublin, including the steps being taken to improve treatment pathways; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63188/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3860. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2830 of 28 July 2026, for an update on the North Tipperary CDNT recruitment campaigns for a basic grade social worker, senior physiotherapist, two senior psychologist posts and two basic grade psychologist posts.

PQ63200/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3861. To ask the Minister for Health the process used to authenticate a qualification was awarded to a named applicant, in respect of HSE and agency appointments where an educational qualification is an eligibility requirement; if this includes direct verification with the awarding educational institution, digital credential verification or an independent credential-verification service; the sufficient evidence needed for the HSE to regard a qualification as 'verified'; the person or body responsible for authentication of posts not subject to statutory professional registration; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63199/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3862. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE centrally records qualification-verification or credential-authentication failures which do not result in an erasure or sanction by a professional regulator, including false, altered, fraudulent or unverifiable educational qualifications; the number of such cases identified in each of the years 2023 to 2025 and to date in 2026; if no, central record is maintained, to state this explicitly; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63198/26 | CAROL NOLAN

3863. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Health Service Executive Medicines Management Programme or the National Clinical Programme for Respiratory has examined the extent to which reimbursement arrangements under the community drug schemes support the use of maintenance and reliever therapy as the preferred treatment for asthma in persons aged 12 years and over, as recommended in clinical guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63197/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3864. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the list of conditions covered by the long term illness scheme under section 59 of the Health Act 1970 was last amended; whether any review of that list has been undertaken by her Department since that date; whether consideration has been given to the inclusion of asthma; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63196/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3865. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the Health Service Executive has costed the provision of maintenance and reliever therapy inhalers free of charge to children with asthma aged 12 to 17 years-of-age; the estimated annual cost; the assumptions on which that estimate is based; whether the measure has been assessed as part of the estimates process for Budget 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63195/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3866. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department attendances and the number of in-patient admissions for asthma among children aged 17 years-of-age and under in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by age band, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63194/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3867. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons under 18 years-of-age dispensed an inhaled corticosteroid and formoterol combination inhaler under the general medical services scheme, the drugs payment scheme and the long term illness scheme in each of the years 2021 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the expenditure incurred by the Health Service Executive on those items in each of those years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63193/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

3868. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the concerns of patients attending a hospital (details supplied) in relation to the condition of some radiation therapy machines; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63221/26 | BARRY WARD

3869. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to providing dedicated endometriosis services at the Women's Health Hub in Tralee (details supplied); whether there are plans to develop such services at the Hub; the way in which women in County Kerry with suspected or diagnosed endometriosis are currently being supported to access specialist multidisciplinary care under the National Endometriosis Framework.

PQ63219/26 | PA DALY

3870. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a treatment (details supplied); whether a formal pricing and reimbursement application has been submitted to the Health Service Executive by PTC Therapeutics (details supplied); the steps being taken by her Department or the HSE to progress or expedite access to this treatment; the timeline for assessment and potential reimbursement once an application is received; the interim or early access arrangements available to eligible patients in the absence of reimbursement; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63236/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

3871. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that some home support recipients are being left without essential assistance at weekends due to shortages of available carers, if she will provide details of current weekend staffing levels within the home support service, the number of individuals unable to access required weekend supports, particularly morning visits, the steps being taken by the HSE to recruit and retain additional home support workers, and whether her Department has examined the impact of contractual arrangements on weekend service availability and seven day rostering.

PQ63210/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3872. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is aware of any assessment undertaken by an organisation (details supplied) concerning induced lactation in men, including the nutritional composition, safety or suitability of milk produced for infants; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63281/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3873. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is aware of any assessment undertaken by an organisation (details supplied) concerning induced lactation in men, including the nutritional composition, safety or suitability of milk produced for infants; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63280/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3874. To ask the Minister for Health if any advice, guidance or policy recommendations concerning infant and child feeding received from an organisation (details supplied) are subject to independent evidence review by the HSE or her Department before being incorporated into public policy or guidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63279/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3875. To ask the Minister for Health the governance or conflict-of-interest requirements apply where an organisation (details supplied) provides advice or input to the HSE or Government on infant-feeding policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ63278/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3876. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) has provided education, training, seminars or other professional education to HSE staff in the past five years; if so, the number of such events; the subjects covered; if the organisation was paid for providing any such education; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63277/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3877. To ask the Minister for Health the formal relationship exists between the HSE and an organisation (details supplied); if the organisation is formally consulted or engaged by the HSE on infant-feeding policy, guidance or education; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63276/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3878. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) currently receives, or has received in each of the past five years, any funding, grant, payment or other financial support from her Department, HSE or any other State body; if so, the amount provided in each year; the purpose of such funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63275/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3879. To ask the Minister for Health the details of all peer-reviewed studies, systematic reviews, clinical guidelines or other scientific evidence considered by her Department or HSE in relation to induced lactation in men and the nutritional suitability of milk produced; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63267/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3880. To ask the Minister for Health if evidence concerning the established nutritional and health benefits of breastfeeding following pregnancy has been extrapolated by the HSE or any organisation receiving HSE funding to support claims concerning induced lactation in men; if so, the scientific evidence that justifies that extrapolation; and if not, the evidence that has been relied upon.

PQ63266/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3881. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has reviewed the scientific evidence underpinning any education provided by an organisation (details supplied) concerning induced lactation in men; whether the HSE has established that such lactation provides nutritionally and immunologically equivalent milk to that produced following pregnancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63265/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3882. To ask the Minister for Health the peer reviewed scientific evidence has been considered by the Department or HSE regarding the nutritional composition, immunological properties and suitability for infants and children of milk produced through induced lactation in men; if she will publish or identify the evidence relied upon in developing any relevant policy or guidance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63264/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3883. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or HSE has reviewed scientific evidence regarding the nutritional and immunological composition of milk produced through induced lactation in men; whether such milk has been scientifically demonstrated to provide the same nutritional and health benefits to infants as breast milk produced following pregnancy; if she will provide details of the evidence reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63263/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3884. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE distinguishes between terminology intended to improve inclusivity and terminology describing the biological process of breastfeeding; and if she will outline the clinical rationale for any terminology changes made in HSE child and infant feeding guidance.

PQ63262/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3885. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for routine mammograms and surveillance mammograms for former breast cancer patients in County Mayo and the Saolta University Health Care Group area; the number of patients currently awaiting appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63304/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3886. To ask the Minister for Health the number of breast cancer survivors who are currently waiting longer than the recommended interval for surveillance mammograms within the Saolta University Health Care Group, the reasons for these delays; and the steps being taken to ensure patients receive follow-up imaging within clinically recommended timeframes.

PQ63305/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3887. To ask the Minister for Health whether staffing shortages, equipment availability, or capacity constraints are contributing to delays in breast imaging services in Mayo and the wider Saolta region; the actions that are being taken to address such issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63306/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3888. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to ensure timely access to breast imaging services for persons with a significant family history of breast cancer; whether current waiting times are impacting such patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63307/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3889. To ask the Minister for Health the steps the HSE and Saolta University Health Care Group are taking to reduce waiting lists for mammograms in County Mayo; whether additional clinics, staffing resources, or diagnostic capacity are planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63308/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

3890. To ask the Minister for Health if she will request her Department examine avenues to provide funding for a continuous glucose monitoring device (details supplied) to ensure people with diabetes have access to same.

PQ63334/26 | PAUL MURPHY

3891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in her Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63353/26 | GED NASH

3892. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3262 of 28 July 2026 where she confirmed the 'introduction of the shingles vaccine to the immunisation schedule in Ireland is again being actively considered for a cohort of immunocompromised individual' if she will outline the proposed timeline for this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63360/26 | JOE COONEY

3893. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has adopted any policy or guidance recommending the replacement of the terms "mother" and "breastfeeding" with gender-neutral terminology such as "parent", "human milk" or "chestfeeding"; if so, when and on what evidence this policy was adopted; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63257/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3894. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE considers lactation following breast surgery, relactation following a previous pregnancy, induced lactation in an adoptive mother and induced lactation in a man to represent clinically comparable circumstances; if she will outline the evidence supporting such a position; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63254/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3895. To ask the Minister for Health if any HSE funding provided an organisation (details supplied) is used to deliver or support education or training for HSE staff; the number of staff receiving such training in each of the past five years; and if she will provide details of the oversight and evaluation of that training.

PQ63247/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3896. To ask the Minister for Health the oversight mechanisms that apply where organisations receiving public funding or working in partnership with the HSE provide professional education to healthcare workers; whether such mechanisms include consideration of the evidence base, safeguarding and the welfare of infants; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63245/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3897. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.56217/26, for an update on the supplementary recruitment campaign for the vacant senior speech and language therapist post in north Tipperary CAMHS west, following receipt of two applications and interviews on the 13 August 2026.

PQ63240/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3898. To ask the Minister for Health if a folio of land has been sold by the HSE to a company (details supplied); to outline the engagement between the company and HSE in relation to this land; the reason for sale of the land; the sale price; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63429/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

3899. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant in emergency medicine, emergency medicine registrars and senior house officer in emergency medicine that were on duty each night between 8pm and 8am for each night between Monday 13 July to Sunday 19 July inclusive at the Mater Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63405/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

3900. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a detailed breakdown of the dedicated additional funding invested into Women's Health since 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63404/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

3901. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff employed in Portlaoise Hospital for each of the following years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and will she make a statement on the matter.

PQ63377/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

3902. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff, whole-time equivalents in the HSE and Section 38 organisations in June 2016 and June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63439/26 | GED NASH

3903. To ask the Minister for Health her views on a matter relating to psychiatric nurses (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63432/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

3904. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under her Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63455/26 | GED NASH

3905. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) in relation to the sale of cannabinoids; the actions she is taking to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61969/26 | BARRY WARD

3906. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by her Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63480/26 | JOE NEVILLE

3907. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently address the issues raised by Dublin Dental University Hospital (details supplied); and urgently implement the Smile agus Slainte plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63516/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

3908. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the recruitment process for the OT post in both adult disability and paediatrics in Longford; and the timeline for when the post is expected to be filled.

PQ63527/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

3909. To ask the Minister for Health in the context of proposals to withdraw private maternity services, the maternity care pathways that will be available to women assessed as being at normal risk; if they will be able to choose freely between those pathways (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63526/26 | BARRY WARD

3910. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of children on CAMHS waiting lists in Q2 2025 and q2 2026 per health region; per those waiting under three months, and greater than 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, and 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63553/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3911. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the €24 million committed by Government for the building of a level 3 in -patient facility in Tullamore remains available for the completion of the Midlands Regional Hospice.

PQ63365/26 | ROBERT TROY

3912. To ask the Minister for Health the evidence base that has been used by the HSE when determining terminology for breastfeeding and infant feeding in clinical and public-health guidance; whether any equality or inclusivity considerations have resulted in changes to established clinical terminology; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63260/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3913. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE considers terminology used in clinical guidance on breast feeding to have clinical significance; whether it is satisfied that changes from established terms such as “breastfeeding” and “mother” do not create ambiguity for patients or healthcare professionals; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63259/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3914. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of differing terminology being used by organisations providing breastfeeding education and support in Ireland; whether the HSE has issued guidance on preferred terminology to organisations working with or funded by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63261/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3915. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that educational material presented to healthcare professionals concerning induced lactation accurately distinguishes between established clinical practices involving women and the induction of lactation in men; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63256/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3916. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE guidance on breast feeding is intended to align with current WHO and UNICEF recommendations; the reason any material differences in terminology or terminology guidance between the HSE and those organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63258/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3917. To ask the Minister for Health if any clinical assessment has been undertaken by her Department or HSE before treating induced lactation in men as comparable to established forms of induced lactation in women; if so, whether she will publish the evidence and clinical guidance arising from that assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63255/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3918. To ask the Minister for Health if guidance or educational materials used by the HSE distinguish between induced lactation in women who have not given birth and attempts to induce lactation in men; the details of the evidence and clinical rationale underpinning any distinction or equivalence; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63253/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3919. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE considers induced lactation in men to be clinically equivalent to induced lactation in women who have not given birth, including adoptive mothers; the clinical evidence underpinning any such position; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63252/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3920. To ask the Minister for Health the formal relationship exists between the HSE and an organisation (details supplied); whether the HSE has been consulted regarding the content and speakers at the organisation's educational events; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63248/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3921. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE has assessed the available clinical evidence concerning induced lactation by males for the purpose of feeding infants; the evidence based guidance is available to healthcare professionals in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63249/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3922. To ask the Minister for Health the funding, financial support or other assistance has been provided by her Department or the HSE to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the past five years; the purpose of such funding or support; the amount applied for by the organisation in each year; the amount approved and paid; the purpose and conditions attached to each grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63246/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3923. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 55995/26, the reason there is no agreed referral pathway for ARFID presentations; and the steps being taken to establish a referral pathway.

PQ63241/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

3924. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the concerns of many nursing home residents and their families regarding the additional service charge administered by nursing homes on top of the fair deal scheme, along with the costs some residents have to continue to maintain their homes; and if she plans to address these concerns.

PQ63627/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

3925. To ask the Minister for Health if she will address the decision by the National Ambulance Service to restrict newly qualified community paramedics in Clare and other regions to daytime-only hours; the rationale for this given the service's proven 68% hospital avoidance rate; if she will address the severe financial impact this causes staff through the loss of shift premiums; the way in which Labour Court Recommendation LCR23254 is being applied to protect their terms; and if she will intervene to support rosters that meet community need and protect staff income.

PQ63621/26 | CATHAL CROWE

3926. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department holds data on the gender composition of psychiatric and general nursing workforces, in the period enhanced psychiatric nursing pension arrangements were introduced and operated; the proportion of male and female nurses in each category for each available period; the analysis undertaken of the potential gender impact of different pension accrual arrangements; to publish the legal, equality or constitutional assessments by her Department or the HSE on the differential pension treatment of psychiatric nurses and general nurses; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63640/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

3927. To ask the Minister for Health the current total sanctioned and projected final cost of the National Children's Hospital; the amount expended to date; the total value of contractor claims currently being defended; the current projected date for the admission of first patients; the number of occasions on which the completion or opening date has been revised since 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63637/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3928. To ask the Minister for Health if she will work with the HSE to urgently locate and release the outstanding CAMHS-ID and CDNT assessment reports concerning a person (details supplied); to ask the HSE to explain where the outstanding reports are held; the reason they have not been released; the way in which outstanding complaints concerning the principal consultant psychiatrist were dealt with before their retirement from the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63634/26 | SORCA CLARKE

3929. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait times for an MRI at University Hospital Galway; if steps are being taken to reduce waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63622/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

3930. To ask the Minister for Health the reason 37 nurses who are due to complete their internships in September have been left without a position in UHK.

PQ63620/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

3931. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on an operation for a person (details supplied).

PQ63647/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

3932. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CCU beds in each coronary centre that have 'live connected real time monitoring' to the coronary care unit control centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63646/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3933. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of patients per month being offered look back or recorded cardiac telemetry only, as opposed to live real time recording in each of the centres (CUH, UHL, UHG, St. James, Mater, St. Vincents) as a result of not having available access to individual systems CCU due to bed capacity constraints; and she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63650/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3934. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses per CHN in September 2024, 2025, and 2026; the total population serviced by each public health nurse team per CHN; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63644/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3935. To ask the Minister for Health the distribution of recent 26.7 WTE public health nurse posts that have completed their training; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63643/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3936. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant psychiatrists and senior psychologists posts that were filled at Donegal CAMHS services as of 18 August 2026; if she will provide the same figures as of 31 August 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63617/26 | CHARLES WARD

3937. To ask the Minister for Health the range and nature of diabetes services currently available to Donegal based adults and children at Letterkenney University Hospital; if there are plans to improve the diabetes services currently available within Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63616/26 | CHARLES WARD

3938. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals currently waiting for complex menopause services in County Donegal, by the length of time waiting that is up to 3 months, between 3-6 months, between 6-12 months and over 12 months, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63615/26 | CHARLES WARD

3939. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any engagement she has had with the HSE in relation to the eligibility of a drug (details supplied) for rebate or coverage for people on the medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63611/26 | BARRY WARD

3940. To ask the Minister for Health whether any review has been carried out into ambulance resource levels, staffing requirements or fleet capacity in County Donegal in light of population growth and increasing service demands; the outcome of any such reviews; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63618/26 | CHARLES WARD

3941. To ask the Minister for Health the current live caseload for public health nursing teams per each CHN; the list of the teams per CHN where the HSE National Caseload Prioritisation Procedure for Public Health Nursing Service has been activated; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63645/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3942. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the progress of a development (details supplied).

PQ63655/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

3943. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of the ongoing delays within the Cross-Border Directive in issuing reimbursement to applicants; if she is aware of the significant financial implications these delays are having on individuals who have already incurred substantial costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63667/26 | PAT THE COPE GALLAGHER

3944. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of patients per month being offered 'look back or recorded' cardiac telemetry as opposed to 'live real time recording' in centres (details supplied) as a result of not having available access to individual coronary care unit systems due to bed capacity constraints.

PQ63651/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

3945. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding any review of the eligibility of a drug (details supplied) for rebate or coverage for people on the medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63609/26 | BARRY WARD

3946. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the omission of a drug (details supplied) from coverage under the medical card; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63608/26 | BARRY WARD

3947. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of bed occupancy rates in public and voluntary hospitals in Q1 2025, Q2 2025, Q1 2026 and Q2 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63595/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

3948. To ask the Minister for Health to provide clarification on the application of LCR23254 and the proposed removal of shift working and associated payments.

PQ63700/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

3949. To ask the Minister for Health if community paramedics will be permitted to work NAS shift patterns that reflect local patient demand and not just day time hours.

PQ63699/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

3950. To ask the Minister for Health if the necessary funding for a transport application (details supplied) will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63720/26 | COLM BURKE

3951. To ask the Minister for Health whether the National Immunisation Advisory Committee has considered, or has been requested to consider, the introduction of a national shingles vaccination programme for older adults; the current status of any such consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63692/26 | TOM BRABAZON

3952. To ask the Minister for Health the progress achieved to date in regards of upgrading the radiology equipment at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown as outlined in the 2025 HSE Capital Plan.

PQ63730/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

3953. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that have been allocated to implementing the Hereditary Cancer Model Of Care in each of the years 2023 to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63729/26 | PAUL DONNELLY

3954. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances in which the shingles vaccine is currently available free of charge or subsidised through the public health system; the number of persons who received the vaccine through publicly funded services in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63690/26 | TOM BRABAZON

3955. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 861 of 7 July 2026, the status of the verification exercise being conducted by the HSE to ensure compliance with the terms of the public only consultant contract; if this has been completed; and the timeline for publication.

PQ63829/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3956. To ask the Minister for Health the average time to admission, the waiting time distribution, and the number of patients leaving without being seen in all emergency departments, by site, in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63803/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3957. To ask the Minister for Health when the reimbursement of Skyclarys for patients with Friedreich's Ataxia will commence.

PQ63802/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

3958. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a single consolidated figure for total HSE expenditure on agency and locum staffing across all statutory and voluntary (Section 38) services in each of the past five years; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ63800/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3959. To ask the Minister for Health to provide records for all outsourced procedures in 2025 for certain specialist areas (details supplied); the overall cost per speciality area; the individual cost of each procedure per patient; the private hospital or clinics which billed for these costs; and the cost of the same procedures per patient carried out in public hospital.

PQ63799/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3960. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1237 of 26 May 2026, to provide agency and locum staffing expenditure within public mental health services for each of the past five years, broken down by individual approved mental health centre, CAMHS team, and community mental health team, as originally requested.

PQ63798/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3961. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3870 of 28 July 2026, to provide an update on the development of the two-year action plan to guide implementation of the National Oral Health Policy, Smile agus Sláinte, published in 2019; and the current timeline for publication of this action plan.

PQ63797/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3962. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 242 of 8 July 2026, if she will respond to a request for a meeting (details supplied).

PQ63796/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3963. To ask the Minister for Health the work being carried out to identify children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) at the earliest stage of life to limit the development of secondary disabilities; the estimated economic cost of FASD to the State; and the funding that has been allocated to support families impacted by FASD in the future.

PQ63795/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3964. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1231 of 26 May 2026, which did not include the supplier breakdown requested, to provide the ten highest paid agency and locum staffing suppliers to the HSE by total value in each of the past five years; and to indicate the proportion of this expenditure procured through established framework agreements as against off-framework arrangements.

PQ63794/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3965. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a proposed primary care centre (details supplied); if it has progressed from the early planning stage, as outlined in the Comptroller and Auditor General's Report on the Accounts of the Public Services 2024; the next steps in the development of this primary care centre; and the timeline being worked towards.

PQ63793/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3966. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons a previously proposed primary care centre is no longer being progressed (details supplied); and if this decision will be reassessed as part of the work of the Steering Group established to review and update the Primary Care Centres Programme.

PQ63792/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3967. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the policy with respect to the use of artificial intelligence in consultations; and the steps that will be taken to ensure that the wishes of patients are respected.

PQ63791/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3968. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1880 of 9 June 2026, to provide the total expenditure on agency and locum staffing within Section 39 organisations funded by the HSE in each of the past five years; if no such data is held centrally, to state that clearly; and to indicate whether her Department will require Section 39 organisations to report agency staffing expenditure as a condition of funding.

PQ63790/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

3969. To ask the Minister for Health to provide copies of the documents issued to members of the Mid West Health Planning Board which sets out its remit, powers, responsibilities, reporting arrangements and scope of work.

PQ63789/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3970. To ask the Minister for Health if a digital sovereignty assessment has been, or will be, carried out as part of the procurement process for the National Electronic Health Record (EHR) System; the safeguards, if any, that are being put in place to ensure that the State retains control over the data, infrastructure and governance of the National EHR should a non-EU vendor be selected; and the relevant assessments that have been carried out in that context relating to the National Children's Hospital EHR provider (details supplied).

PQ63788/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3971. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 902 of 14 July 2026, to provide an update on the review of the clinical director role, commissioned by the HSE's Chief Clinical Officer in 2025; if the final draft has progressed through standard HSE internal governance and approval processes; if further stakeholder engagement has commenced; and the timeline currently being worked towards for publication.

PQ63785/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

3972. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of whole-time equivalent staff specifically assigned to acute and crisis mental health services, including emergency department liaison psychiatry, suicide crisis assessment nurses and crisis resolution teams, by health region; the number of vacancies in each service, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63877/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3973. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to expand community-based crisis mental health supports, including crisis assessment teams, out-of-hours services and suicide crisis assessment nurse services to provide an alternative to emergency department attendance for people experiencing an acute mental health crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63878/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3974. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure that people presenting with suicidal ideation, self-harm or who are considered at immediate risk of harm can access an urgent specialist mental health assessment on a 24-hour, seven-day basis; the resources required to provide such access nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63880/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3975. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to provide dedicated mental health crisis assessment and triage facilities at acute hospitals, separate from general emergency department waiting areas; the locations being considered for such facilities; the funding and staffing required; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63879/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3976. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify whether due to a lack of neurosurgeons in Galway, individuals who suffer a traumatic brain injury whose closest hospital is Galway University Hospital are forced to be sent to Beaumont Hospital in Dublin for adequate treatment.

PQ63689/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

3977. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of whole-time equivalent staff working in adult mental health services, by staff grade and health region; the number of approved posts currently vacant in each region, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63876/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3978. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department is considering reimbursing the cost of GLP-1 drugs for preventative uses such as in cases where a person is pre-diabetic or suffers from other medical conditions such as polyendocrine metabolic ovarian syndrome and a medical professional has advised that the use of these drugs is clinically appropriate.

PQ63875/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

3979. To ask the Minister for Health the safety measures being taken in relation to products on offer from vape shops and specifically HHC products.

PQ63922/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

3980. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the care pathway for Huntington's disease; and the timeline for its full implementation.

PQ63921/26 | EOIN HAYES

3981. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports currently available to assist low-income households with the costs of travelling to and accessing healthcare services, including travel and accommodation costs where patients are required to attend appointments or treatment outside their local area; and if she will consider increasing these supports, particularly for households in rural and regional areas.

PQ63919/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

3982. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has undertaken, or intends to undertake, a cost-benefit analysis of providing the shingles vaccine to older persons through the public health system; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63688/26 | TOM BRABAZON

3983. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department or the HSE has considered emerging research indicating that vaccination against shingles may be associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, heart failure and stroke; whether this evidence will be considered in assessing the public health benefits of shingles vaccination; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ63687/26 | TOM BRABAZON

3984. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has considered expanding access to the shingles vaccine through a publicly funded vaccination programme for older people; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63686/26 | TOM BRABAZON

3985. To ask the Minister for Health whether plans are in place to increase the number of GPs in North Kildare given the increase in population that is due over the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63685/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

3986. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of Phase 2 of the Single Point of Access (SPoA) model for children's disability, primary care and child and adolescent mental health services referrals; whether implementation has commenced.

PQ63682/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

3987. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide an update on the implementation of Phase 1 of the Single Point of Access (SPoA) model for children's disability, primary care and child and adolescent mental health services referrals; and the number of referrals processed through the new system since its introduction.

PQ63681/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

3988. To ask the Minister for Health the number of National Ambulance Service personnel who have recently qualified as community paramedics but have not yet been deployed in those roles; the locations in which they were intended to operate, including Clonmel; whether concerns regarding proposed roster and shift-payment arrangements are preventing their deployment; and the steps being taken to urgently resolve these matters and enable the community paramedicine and alternative pre-hospital care pathway to become operational as intended.

PQ63927/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

3989. To ask the Minister for Health the income thresholds which now apply for the medical card and the GP-only card; the current level of population eligible for each scheme; and the way in which the level of take-up has changed over the past twelve months due to the relaxed eligibility conditions.

PQ63904/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

3990. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware that Ireland has only one dedicated specialist HD nurse for the entire national population (details supplied); if she will contrast this lack of resources with the multi-disciplinary clinic networks available to the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) community in Ireland and HD families in Scotland; and if she will provide an immediate, definitive timeline for the establishment of specialist multidisciplinary clinics to ensure Irish HD patients have equal access to clinical trials and co-ordinated lifetime care.

PQ63572/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

3991. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding her Department and/or the Health Service Executive (HSE) give annually to an organisation (details supplied); if her Department and/or the HSE were a funding partner for a recent conference planned by the organisation in Galway; if her Department and/or the HSE have any stipulations in place with ALCi with specific regard to clinical governance, infant safeguarding and speaker vetting for conferences; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63989/26 | CATHAL CROWE

3992. To ask the Minister for Health the funding streams currently available to providers of supported care homes to undertake essential repair, maintenance and health and safety works; the total funding allocated for such purposes in each of the past five years; and whether consideration is being given to establishing a dedicated capital grant scheme for essential repairs in supported home care settings.

PQ63988/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

3993. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by the HSE to reduce its continued reliance on paper-based patient records and administrative documentation across the health service; the progress made towards the digitisation and integration of health records and information systems; the specific timelines and targets in place for transitioning from paper-based processes to secure digital systems; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63982/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3994. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting home care supports at the end of Q1 2026 within the catchment area of each level 4 acute hospital within each HSE region; and the primary reasons for delay in the provision of home care in each of the catchment areas.

PQ63981/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3995. To ask the Minister for Health the reason recorded for each delayed transfer of care at each level 4 and level 3 hospital within each HSE region, disaggregated by category (details supplied); and the average length in days of a delayed transfer of care at each hospital, in each of the years 2020 to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63980/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3996. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care at each level 4 and level 3 hospital within each HSE region expressed as a percentage of all discharges from each hospital; and the number of bed days lost to delayed transfers of care expressed as a percentage of all available bed days at each hospital, in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ63979/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3997. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of inpatient beds available at each level 4 and level 3 hospital within each HSE region in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the definition of inpatient bed applied in compiling that figure; if day beds, critical care beds and psychiatric beds are included or excluded; and the total available bed days at each hospital in each of those years, in tabular form.

PQ63978/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3998. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed transfers of care recorded at each level 4 and level 3 hospital within each HSE region; the number of acute inpatient bed days lost as a result, in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63977/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

3999. To ask the Minister for Health the reason fully qualified paramedics currently sitting on active HSE and NAS recruitment panels have not been offered formal positions to fill critical vacancies and short-term absences at Kilrush ambulance station; the active steps being taken to draw down from existing panels specifically for west Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63976/26 | CATHAL CROWE

4000. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Ambulance Service (NAS) staffing resources allocated to County Clare; the reason the promised additional 12-hour ambulance shifts for both Kilrush and Ennistymon stations have not been fully implemented on active rosters; if NAS management intends to part-crew any of these positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63975/26 | CATHAL CROWE

4001. To ask the Minister for Health if she will request that the Saolta University Health Care Group review the utilisation of the cystic fibrosis unit at Mayo University Hospital, with a view to its use as overflow clinical capacity during periods of peak emergency department and paediatric demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63937/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4002. To ask the Minister for Health whether any part of the cystic fibrosis unit at Mayo University Hospital is subject to community, charitable or other funding arrangements that restrict its use for general paediatric or hospital-wide surge capacity; and, if so, the nature of those restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63936/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4003. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions, in each of the past three years, on which the cystic fibrosis unit at Mayo University Hospital was used to provide overflow capacity for paediatric patients at times when the paediatric decision unit was at full capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63935/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4004. To ask the Minister for Health whether the cystic fibrosis unit at Mayo University Hospital is designated as available overflow clinical space under the hospital's full capacity protocol during periods of emergency department overcrowding; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63934/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4005. To ask the Minister for Health the number and type of clinics or outpatient appointments held in the cystic fibrosis unit at Mayo University Hospital in each of the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63933/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4006. To ask the Minister for Health the average daily and monthly occupancy of the cystic fibrosis unit at Mayo University Hospital for each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63932/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4007. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical capacity, in terms of floor space, bed numbers and room numbers, of the cystic fibrosis unit at Mayo University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63931/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4008. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the recent High Court judgment by Mr Justice Paul Coffey, which described the total absence of a coordinated care pathway for Huntington's disease (HD) in Ireland as "shameful" and "urgently required"; the reason the comprehensive proposal for a National HD Care Pathway submitted to the HSE by clinical experts and an organisation (details supplied) has not been implemented or funded; and if she will make a statement on this matter.

PQ63571/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

4009. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns among MTU Kerry nursing students due to graduate in October 2026 regarding the limited number of graduate staff nurse positions available at University Hospital Kerry; the steps being taken to address the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63963/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4010. To ask the Minister for Health if she will amend the criteria for the nursing homes support scheme to ensure that payment under the fair deal scheme is effective from the date the application is submitted on behalf of the patient.

PQ63953/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

4011. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure by Cork University Hospital on agency staff and overtime respectively, in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, by staff category; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64039/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4012. To ask the Minister for Health the normal weekly operating hours of CT scanning services at Cork University Hospital; the number of hours of capacity lost in 2025 and 2026 to date due to staffing shortages; the number of patients currently awaiting a CT scan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64038/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4013. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting a paediatric neurology appointment at Cork University Hospital; the number of appointments cancelled or postponed in 2026; the current longest waiting time; the actions being taken to restore capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64037/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4014. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient appointments, procedures and diagnostic appointments at Cork University Hospital cancelled or postponed in 2025 and 2026 to date specifically as a result of staffing shortages, by specialty and type of appointment or procedure; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64036/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4015. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved and funded whole-time equivalent posts at Cork University Hospital which are currently vacant, by grade and profession; the number vacant for less than three months, three to six months, six to twelve months and more than twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64034/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4016. To ask the Minister for Health the digital sovereignty considerations that are being applied to the procurement of the National Electronic Health Record system, in view of a matter (details supplied); and if her Department or the Office of Government Procurement has assessed certain digital sovereignty implications.

PQ63787/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

4017. To ask the Minister for Health the number of posts, of the 74 posts identified for agency conversion in the 2026 HSE National Service Plan, that have been converted to HSE posts to date, by staff category, in tabular form.

PQ63786/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

4018. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has conducted a formal patient-safety or service-risk assessment arising from concerns communicated by senior management at Cork University Hospital regarding staffing and service capacity; the outcome of any such assessment; the actions subsequently directed or undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64041/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4019. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place to monitor the quality, nutritional value and adequacy of food provided to residents in both public and private nursing homes; whether minimum standards and budgetary requirements exist in respect of food provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64040/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4020. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures that apply when nursing home residents suffer falls or other serious incidents requiring medical assessment; the number of complaints received by HIQA relating to alleged failures in nursing home care, treatment following falls, and resident welfare over the past three years; and the actions taken in response to such complaints.

PQ64046/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4021. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm the current neonatal capacity at the Midlands regional Hospital Mullingar; specifically the number of neonatal cots available at Mullingar; the way in which this number compares to other maternity hospitals; and if the HSE will urgently put in place additional neonatal resources at MRHM.

PQ64025/26 | ROBERT TROY

4022. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration is being given to increasing the frequency of unannounced inspections of nursing homes by HIQA and other relevant authorities, including inspections focusing on standards of care, staffing levels, food quality and the treatment of residents and their families; whether additional measures are planned to identify deficiencies that may not be evident during scheduled inspections; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64045/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

4023. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients identified as clinically suitable for transfer from Cork University Hospital to Mallow General Hospital in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number actually transferred; the number for whom a proposed transfer did not proceed; the reasons in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ64044/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4024. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients admitted to the 24 additional inpatient beds opened at Mallow General Hospital since their opening, by month; the number transferred from Cork University Hospital; the average occupancy rate of the additional beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64043/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4025. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients from the midlands region of counties county Laois, Offaly, Westmeath and Longford who travelled to St. James's Hospital Dublin for neurology appointments in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ64099/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

4026. To ask the Minister for Health the number of total hip replacements and total number of knee replacement procedures carried out at the Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by procedure and year; the projected number of each procedure to be completed by the end of 2026; and if current theatre, bed, consultant, anaesthetic or other staffing capacity is limiting the number of joint replacement procedures that can be undertaken at the hospital.

PQ64080/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

4027. To ask the Minister for Health if a National Treatment Purchase Fund allocation has been provided to the Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore for joint replacement patients in 2026; the number of case authorisation numbers issued in respect of Tullamore orthopaedic patients in 2026 to date; the number of patients referred; the number of patients who have subsequently received treatment; and the number currently awaiting treatment following referral.

PQ64081/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

4028. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting a total hip replacement or a total knee replacement respectively, at Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore; the number in each category waiting less than three months, three to six months, six to nine months, nine to 12 months, 12 to 18 months, 18 to 24 months and more than 24 months, in tabular form; the median waiting time; and the longest current waiting time for each procedure.

PQ64079/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

4029. To ask the Minister for Health the number of blind or visually impaired children and young people currently receiving support from children's disability network teams and primary care teams; the number in each service that have visual impairment as their primary disability, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61203/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

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

4030. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59570/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4031. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason diagnostic radiography students are not getting the same financial support for travel and accommodation as nursing and midwife students.

PQ59805/26 | JEN CUMMINS

4032. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures being taken to support integration between Maynooth University and the surrounding community, including transport links and student accommodation planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60110/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

4033. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the definition of citizen science applied by his Department and by Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland for policy, funding and reporting purposes (details supplied); the minimum level of public participation in scientific knowledge production required for an activity to be so classified; whether members of the public are recognised under that definition as research actors, or as participants in research directed by others; if no definition has been formally adopted, if he will confirm that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60656/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4034. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science each instrument under which an individual who is not employed by, or formally affiliated to, an eligible research body may hold a research award and hold primary responsibility for the scientific direction of the funded work (details supplied); the eligibility conditions applying in each case; the number of such awards made since 2015; if no such instrument exists, if he will confirm that position and state the body responsible for deciding whether one will be created; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60657/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4035. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to identify each currently funded structured doctoral programme, centre, training network or recurring funding stream principally concerned with citizen-science methodology, governance, infrastructure or research policy (details supplied); the participating institutions and funded doctoral places available; if no such programme, centre, network or stream is currently funded, if he will confirm that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60658/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4036. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the classification system that Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland uses to identify an award as citizen science; whether that classification existed before the Parliamentary Questions answered on 28 July 2026 were tabled; if it was compiled for that reply, if he will confirm that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60659/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4037. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science each citizen-science activity funded by his Department or by Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland in which a member of the public may participate today; the number of participants recorded to date and their geographical and demographic distribution for each activity; the observations or data records produced; the open datasets, publications and source code released; and, in respect of the 31 awards identified in the reply of 28 July 2026 (€18,544,560.59) the cost-per-item recorded; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60660/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4038. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to his statement that his Department and Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland have considered the OECD paper Embedding Citizen Science into Research Policy, the date on which that consideration occurred; the officials, committee or governing body responsible; the records produced; for each of the ten recommendations, whether it was accepted, rejected, deferred or considered already implemented; if no recommendation by recommendation assessment was recorded, if he will confirm that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60662/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4039. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 4157 and 4171 of 28 July 2026, in respect of each of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Conference, the Week of Innovative Regions in Europe and the European Innovation Council Advance event, whether members of the public could collect, classify, analyse or validate scientific data; the number expected to do so; the scientific output expected; for any event at which they will not, the basis on which it was cited as evidence of a strong focus on citizen science; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60663/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4040. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measurable citizen-science deliverable that will exist by end of 2026 (details supplied); the members of the public targeted to participate, as a number and as a percentage of the population; the geographical scope of that participation, by county; the number of observations or data records targeted; the total budget allocated and resulting cost per observation or data record produced; the responsible official / body and implementation timetable; if no such deliverable, participation target or budget has been approved, to confirm each position; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60681/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4041. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60667/26 | GED NASH

4042. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether Ireland has proposed the inclusion of citizen science or citizen-generated data in the Council Conclusions being advanced during its Presidency (details supplied); the date and Council body each such proposal was made in; the policy outcome sought; the current status of each; the citizen science practitioners consulted; the Departmental steps taken to generate research, innovation and socio-economic value from data collected by members of the public using personal devices; if Ireland has proposed no such language, to confirm that position; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60682/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4043. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the planned date to establish an external stakeholder working group by end of 2026 (details supplied); the number of seats; the nomination or expression-of-interest process and dates; the selection criteria and appointing authority; the number of seats allocated to representatives of practitioners and organisations operating outside universities and public research bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60683/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4044. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to confirm whether an individual who is not employed by or affiliated to a research body may be recognised as a research actor for the purposes of that group and of any resulting funding

arrangements for the external stakeholder working group (details supplied); where any matter has not yet been determined, the body responsible for deciding it and the date by which it will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60684/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4045. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether the proposed Public Engagement and Participatory Research Framework will define citizen science separately from public engagement and engaged research; the budget and opening date of any funding calls for 2027; whether individual citizens will be eligible to hold and administer awards hold primary responsibility for the scientific and technical direction of funded work; where definition, eligibility or scientific leadership has not been decided, the body responsible for deciding it, the consultation process and the date for the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60685/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4046. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60919/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

4047. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61045/26 | MATT CARTHY

4048. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports available for students undertaking Level 9 postgraduate qualification in play therapy, as the course is only available part time in Ireland (details supplied); if not, will he make supports for such courses available to participating students; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59854/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

4049. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average time it took from Phase 1 to completion each apprenticeship, by trade in County Louth in 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61246/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4050. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of pipe fitting apprentices who registered their four year apprenticeships in 2022; the number completed, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61245/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4051. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to address the concerns raised (details supplied) to research funding in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60137/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4052. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Government of Ireland scholarships granted for 2026/2027; the country of origin of all recipients; if all recipients have obtained visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61120/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

4053. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement his Department has had with organisations (details supplied) and relevant accreditation bodies following the closure of a facility and the proposed creditors' voluntary liquidation; the protections or supports available to students who have paid fees and completed different elements of their programmes; whether students will be able to have work already completed recognised and progress towards completion of their qualifications; the recourse that is available to students where their qualification cannot be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60950/26 | SORCA CLARKE

4054. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61359/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

4055. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if assistance will be provided in relation to the recent liquidation of a training college (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60807/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4056. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61342/26 | SORCA CLARKE

4057. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to report on progress to meet his commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60739/26 | PA DALY

4058. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for a detailed up-to-date report on a site (details supplied) in Killarney which is earmarked for development as a training college for the hospitality industry; if this project will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60508/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4059. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a person in County Laois (details supplied) is not being offered a full time tutoring contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60287/26 | MARK WALL

4060. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person has visited a school (details supplied) to date in 2026; and if so the purpose of the visit.

PQ61510/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

4061. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he will take to address concerns related to the approval of visa applications made by Palestinian students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61520/26 | BARRY WARD

4062. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which income earned by students during the summer period is treated in SUSI assessments; if he accepts that summer employment is frequently undertaken specifically to meet educational and living costs; if he will consider excluding a proportion of summer earnings from means testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61534/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

4063. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the assessment his Department has made on the number of SUSI-supported students who undertake part-time employment during the academic year; whether it has examined if SUSI eligibility discourages students from taking employment; if he will consider introducing a student earnings disregard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61533/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

4064. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the SUSI income thresholds were last comprehensively reviewed against actual student living costs; the cost-of-living data used in that review; whether he will commission an updated assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61532/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

4065. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he will undertake a fundamental review of the SUSI means-testing methodology, with particular regard to the treatment of student earnings, the financial circumstances of middle-income families, the treatment of self-employed income and the extent to which the current thresholds reflect the actual cost of higher education; whether he will consider introducing a student income disregard in order that students are not financially penalised for working to support themselves through college; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61531/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

4066. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to consider introducing a SUSI 'hardship' or 'exceptional circumstances' assessment for families who fall outside the standard grant thresholds but can demonstrate that their disposable income, after essential household and educational costs, is insufficient to support a student through higher education; the consideration that has been given to such a mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61529/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

4067. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the financial supports available to a student (details supplied) to assist them with the ever-increasing costs of attending third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61459/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4068. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to alleviate the ever-increasing costs of attending third level education for students and their families; the measures he has taken or will take to prevent the increasing of service charges beyond the rate of inflation or market price increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61455/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4069. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61578/26 | SORCA CLARKE

4070. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding any engagement he has had with the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to the refusal of visas for Palestinian students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61528/26 | BARRY WARD

4071. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding any engagement he has had with Higher Education facilities in relation to the approval of visa applications made by Palestinian students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61523/26 | BARRY WARD

4072. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding any review ongoing within his Department in relation to the refusal of visas for Palestinian students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61525/26 | BARRY WARD

4073. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to ensure that projects (details supplied) are adequately funded.

PQ61987/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

4074. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount allocated to Skillnet Ireland in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026; the accumulated surplus in the National Training Fund at the end of each of those years, in tabular form; the amount allocated in each of those years to networks serving the independent broadcasting sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62056/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

4075. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); if he will revert directly to the person raising these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62226/26 | NIALL COLLINS

4076. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the specific actions and approvals required to enable the proposed BSc (Hons) in Optometry at South East Technological University, Waterford to accept its first student intake in September 2027.

PQ62521/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

4077. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the implementation of a 'second chance' provision to ensure students undertaking a repeat year or changing courses once can still access the free fees initiative, thereby avoiding financial penalties through higher fee rates, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62607/26 | EMER CURRIE

4078. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount the management company of a facility (details supplied) charge students for service charges, utilities and so on; the amount which they pay for such services and utilities; if he is furnished with annual accounts from the company or if they are available elsewhere; if he will publish them; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62460/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4079. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to consider the development of a youth exchange scheme with Canada allowing young people and second level schools to engage in such exchanges; and if he would make a statement on the matter.

PQ59729/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

4080. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether recurrent Exchequer funding has been approved or provisionally allocated for the proposed initial intake of students to the BSc (Hons) in Optometry at South East Technological University, Waterford in September 2027; if not, the date by which a decision on such funding must be made to permit recruitment and admission of students for the 2027/2028 academic year; and whether capital or other funding has been identified for the specialist teaching and clinical facilities required for the programme.

PQ62522/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

4081. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has commissioned research into the current market rents for purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) units; to provide the breakdown of the numbers of those who are international students, EU/EEA students, and Irish students as a percentage of the total number of those renting PBSA units; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61848/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

4082. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to urgently examine a matter and allow for a path forward to diploma for students affected by the liquidation of a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61111/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4083. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62942/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

4084. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students that apply to Hear/Dare; the number that were accepted; the number that are given ineligible rejected from 2020 to 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62937/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4085. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62989/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

4086. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider reintroducing a €1,000 college-fee reduction, in light of the ongoing financial pressures facing families due to the high cost of food, utilities and housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63222/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

4087. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if education concerning induced lactation in men forms part of any accredited qualification or continuing professional development programme delivered by an Irish higher-education institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63274/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4088. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any Irish university or higher education institution has undertaken or funded research into induced lactation in men, including the composition, nutritional properties or suitability of milk produced for infants; and if he will provide details of such research.

PQ63273/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4089. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if education or training concerning induced lactation in men is currently provided as part of any programme or course in an Irish university or higher-education institutions; if so, the institutions and programmes concerned; whether it forms part of the core curriculum or optional education; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63272/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4090. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in the context of publicly funded research and professional education, he considers requests from practitioners for education in an emerging area to constitute evidence of the efficacy or safety of the practice concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63271/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4091. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is aware of the stated intention by an organisation (details supplied) to provide professional education concerning lactation by men; whether any publicly funded Irish research has examined the scientific basis for such practice, including the composition and nutritional properties of milk produced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63270/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4092. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63352/26 | GED NASH

4093. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full year cost if the student contribution charge for free eligible students was reduced from €2,500 to €2,200; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63402/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

4094. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department has considered any specific arrangements for beneficiaries of temporary protection from Ukraine who entered the State as unaccompanied minors and are in Tusla care, but are unable to meet the residency requirements for student supports due to the length of time they have been resident in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63393/26 | JOHN LAHART

4095. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports that are available to unaccompanied minors from Ukraine who are accommodated by Tusla under section 5 of the Child Care Act 1991 and who wish to progress to further or higher education but do not meet the residency requirements for SUSI or the Free Fees Initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63390/26 | JOHN LAHART

4096. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63454/26 | GED NASH

4097. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on the pay claim agreement arrived at with respect to community training centre staff following negotiations with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63132/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4098. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason state funding for Skillnet business networks has not increased in line with inflation despite a National Training Fund surplus approaching €2 billion; the steps being taken to align funding with verified enterprise demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63531/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4099. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Department has assessed the number of Skillnet business networks that exhausted their allocations before year end in each of the past three years; the number of enterprises affected by capped places, delayed training or cancelled courses as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63530/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amount drawn from the National Training Fund by Skillnet business networks in each of the past three years; the amount of matched private co-funding leveraged in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63529/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current accumulated surplus in the National Training Fund; the amount of that surplus which remained unspent at the end of each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63528/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

4102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has been designated as the lead for citizen science and citizen-generated data (details supplied); if his Department participates in any cross-Government coordination structure on citizen science or citizen-generated data; and if so, to name that structure and the Department convening it; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63642/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

4103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the need for clear guidance for higher education institutions regarding applying EU fee status to students living here under temporary protection following withdrawal of the temporary tuition fee support scheme for Ukrainian students starting courses in 2026/2027 (details supplied); and his plans to support such students who were admitted through the CAO and assessed as an EU student prior to the change in position.

PQ63861/26 | IVANA BACIK

4104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if advice will be provided to a student (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63898/26 | NIALL COLLINS

4105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of apprenticeship options which will be available for enrolment in the coming academic year; and the level of respective enrolment in each of these options for the most recent period for which data is available.

PQ63888/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

4106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the maintenance grant rates and income thresholds for the upcoming academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63910/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

4107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of courses and places available in the upcoming academic year under Springboard and under the human capital initiative; whether new general areas of skill shortage have been added to the range of courses being offered under these options; the payments to be made by students; and whether participants on these courses can be paid under SUSI or under the back-to-education allowance while participating.

PQ63909/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

4108. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who will become eligible for maintenance payments for postgraduate study in 2026.

PQ63908/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

4109. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students studying occupational therapy, dietetics, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, psychology and psychotherapy in each higher education institution, for each of the past five years; the number graduating annually from each discipline; the number of funded training places available in each year, in tabular form; whether a shortfall in graduates is contributing to HSE vacancies and extended waiting lists in disability and community services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63573/26 | FIONNTÁN Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN

4110. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide an update on works to create a loan scheme for medical students that will see their debts written off if they choose to stay working in Ireland; to clarify the details of a person who would constitute a 'medical' student for the purposes of the scheme.

PQ63677/26 | JOE COONEY

4111. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional higher-education places are being identified or protected for students whose appeals in terms of their initial Leaving Certificate results are successful; the arrangements that are in place to ensure that such students are considered for courses for which their revised points would have made them eligible at an earlier stage of the CAO process; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63960/26 | GED NASH

4112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he accepts that the issuing of Leaving Certificate appeal results on 25 September 2026, after four rounds of CAO offers have taken place, creates a potential disadvantage for students whose grades and CAO points increase on appeal; what measures are being taken to ensure that such students are given the same opportunity to secure their preferred higher education course as students who held the equivalent grade and points before the CAO process commenced, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63959/26 | GED NASH

4113. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement his Department has had with Irish higher education institutions regarding Palestinian students who have secured places on undergraduate and postgraduate programmes but are experiencing difficulties obtaining visas; the measures that are being considered to ensure that eligible students are not prevented from taking up their places due to circumstances arising from the conflict in Gaza;

PQ63946/26 | CATHERINE CALLAGHAN

4114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress to date in the provision of new facilities at Magee College, Derry following the allocation of Shared Island Funding and the expected timeline for the completion of this project.

PQ64055/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

4115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to PQ Nos. 6899/26 and 50256/26, the timeframe for the appointment of a design team (details supplied).

PQ64115/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

4116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide a list of each capital project over €1 million in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63479/26 | JOE NEVILLE

4117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if permanent specialist accommodation cannot be completed by September 2027 at SETU Waterford Campus, if he will outline his commitment to his Department facilitating an interim accommodation model, as it has done for SETU veterinary medicine, in order that the first optometry intake is not delayed at SETU; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62523/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

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4118. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency funded by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59571/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4119. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for a detailed progress report in regards to the RRDF scheme for Cahersiveen town in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59591/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4120. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for a detailed progress report in regards to the RRDF scheme for Killorglin town in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59596/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4121. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he has received a proposal from Cork City Council for funding of a temporary location for a new library in the Mahon Blackrock area as an interim measure before the delivery of a permanent library; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59968/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

4122. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department offers funding schemes for local authorities to develop or refurbish parks used for skateboarding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60039/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

4123. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to detail funding allocations for community centres, youth facilities and sports infrastructure in North Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60104/26 | RÉADA CRONIN

4124. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will meet with a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60182/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4125. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to confirm both in percentage and in clear monetary terms the value of the 'levy' on his Department's expenditure, that was required to be communicated to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation on or before the deadline of 17 July 2026, (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60666/26 | GED NASH

4126. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total amount his Department and Departmental agencies have spent in 2025 and to date in 2026 on social media and web advertising; the proportion this is of his Department's advertising budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60918/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

4127. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a breakdown of the funding allocated to the local improvement scheme in each of the years 2025 to 2026; the proposed allocation for 2027, broken down by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ59735/26 | PA DALY

4128. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of FOI requests his Department, and each agency under his auspices, received in each year 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026; the number that were refused on original decision; the number for which reviews were sought and the number of those reviews whereby the original decision was amended; the number for which subsequent appeals were submitted; the number of those appeals which resulted in an amendment to the original decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61055/26 | MATT CARTHY

4129. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of staff and units that comprise his Department.

PQ59879/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

4130. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to support an application for the upgrading of equipment to ensure rescue operations are carried out with the latest and most modern and reliable equipment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61143/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4131. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to support an application in respect of Ballybunion Sea & Cliff Rescue, County Kerry, which is anxious to upgrade equipment to ensure rescue operations are carried out with the latest and most modern and reliable equipment, reaching and helping as many people as possible, when they need help the most; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61140/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4132. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht his views on correspondence (details supplied) regarding funding to an organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60061/26 | SEAN FLEMING

4133. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he can assist the Killarney Innovation Centre with funding for an important project in County Kerry (details supplied); and will the Minister make a statement on the matter.

PQ61083/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4134. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the grants currently available for community centres/halls; the grants that may be available later in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61086/26 | NIALL COLLINS

4135. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to support a CLÁR application in respect of a club (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60977/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4136. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total amounts paid by his Department to private insurance companies for insurance for each year from 2016 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61364/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

4137. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the expenditure incurred by his Government Department on external consultancy services in each of the past five years, broken down by consultancy firm, project and amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61349/26 | SORCA CLARKE

4138. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to report on progress to meet his commitments under the National Human Rights Strategy for disabled people; the measures taken since the strategy was introduced; the key metrics identified to measure progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ60738/26 | PA DALY

4139. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will allocate a major increase in local improvement scheme funding (private roads) to County Kerry to address issues (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60511/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4140. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to support a Category 1 Rural Regeneration Development Funding application in respect of a proposed arts centre (details supplied) with Kerry County Council acting as lead partner; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60409/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4141. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the financial supports available to a person under 65 years-of-age who requires a personal monitored alarm but is ineligible for the seniors alert scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61447/26 | SORCA CLARKE

4142. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to introduce a budget that will allow local improvement scheme roads to be repaired (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ60428/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4143. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if his Department and bodies under his aegis maintain a register of gifts, hospitality or other benefits received by public servants; the number of entries recorded on each such register since January 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ61579/26 | SORCA CLARKE

4144. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh le Maigh Chromtha mar bhaile seirbhíse; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ59574/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

4145. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta cén teagmháil atá ag a Roinn leis na Comhairlí Contae Gaeltachta maidir leis an bPlean Limistéir Tosaíochta; cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ag na Comhairlí Contae éagsúla ar na pleananna; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ59573/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

4146. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide multi year certainty for SICAP funding to allow for workforce planning in counties experiencing increased arrivals, including County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62188/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4147. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if County Offaly will receive a rural recreation officer; the expected timeline for appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62194/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4148. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a breakdown of counties currently without a rural recreation officer; the criteria used to determine allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62195/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4149. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the current status of CAP and LEADER programme arrangements relating to County Offaly; the expected timeline for issuing updated guidance to LCDCs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62186/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4150. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if County Offaly was assessed for inclusion in the SIOL programme; if he will publish the scoring or assessment outcome; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62200/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4151. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if CSO data and a study by an organisation (details supplied) were used in determining SIOL allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62199/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4152. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the criteria used by Pobal to determine SIOL programme locations; if County Offaly meets any of the deprivation thresholds applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62198/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4153. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if targeted supports or alternative funding pathways will be provided for groups in County Offaly that were unsuccessful due to the delayed LEP decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62197/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4154. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the reason decisions on the LEP fund, opened in January 2026, were only published in July 2026; if this delay caused groups in County Offaly to miss alternative funding calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62196/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4155. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will outline all funding allocated by his Department for projects, programmes and initiatives in the Cavan and Monaghan constituency from 1 January 2025 to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62177/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

4156. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the decision to deem the preliminary application of the organisation concerned ineligible under the Community Services Programme Open Call 2026; whether the appeal submitted on behalf of the organisation will be considered given circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62165/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

4157. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he is aware of delays in project approvals arising from uncertainty around LEADER transitional arrangements; the impact this is having on community groups in County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62242/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4158. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he intends to expand the SIOL programme to additional counties; if County Offaly will be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62201/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4159. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on the CLÁR application for an organisation (details supplied).

PQ62503/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

4160. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on a CLAR application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62771/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

4161. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on a CLAR application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62766/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

4162. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht for an update on a CLAR application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62756/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

4163. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he intends to introduce minimum notice periods for changes to SICAP or IPAS related funding streams to ensure adequate workforce planning and programme delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ62849/26 | CAROL NOLAN

4164. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total expenditure by his Department and agencies on translation and interpretation services in each of the past five years.

PQ62945/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

4165. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the five most requested languages for translation and interpretation services in his Department in each of the past five years.

PQ62990/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

4166. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide details regarding the organisations that register with his Department to apply for Government grants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63214/26 | SEAN FLEMING

4167. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to expedite RRDF for projects (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63229/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4168. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to expedite RRDF funding for the Killorglin town centre project from Laune Bridge to Bunkers Roundabout; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63228/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

4169. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in his Department on 30 June 2016 and 30 June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63357/26 | GED NASH

4170. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the number of staff, whole-time equivalents employed in each agency or regulatory body under his Department's remit who were considered to be public service personnel in June 2016 and in June 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63459/26 | GED NASH

4171. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide a list of each capital project over €1m in total expenditure funded or part funded by his Department on an annual and county basis since 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63484/26 | JOE NEVILLE

4172. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the funding available under each measure of the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme 2026; the maximum allocation available to County Monaghan; the expected timeframe for determining applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63841/26 | MATT CATHY

4173. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total funding available statewide under CLÁR 2026; the total value of applications received; the amount sought in applications from each county; and the expected date for the announcement of successful applications.

PQ63840/26 | MATT CATHY

4174. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the details of applications submitted from County Monaghan under CLÁR 2026, including the project, applicant and amount sought in each case; the current status of each application; when funding decisions will issue, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ63839/26 | MATT CATHY

4175. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the preferred timeframe for the issue of approvals under the acquisition measure of the town and village renewal scheme.

PQ64049/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

4176. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the total funding provided to women's groups, clubs, networks and women's sheds through schemes administered by his Department in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 202, by funding programme and county.

PQ64097/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

4177. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the amount of funding provided specifically to Women's Sheds in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ64096/26 | JOHN CLENNEN

4178. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will consider bringing forward a grant scheme to assist community groups in carrying out hedge and verge cutting on routes to amenity areas.

PQ64117/26 | ROBERT TROY

4179. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta maidir le bonneagar cuain a fhorbairt ar Inis Meáin agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ63930/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY