



DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 29 Meán Fómhair, 2026
Tuesday, 29th September, 2026

CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next.
PQ66940/26 | PAUL MURPHY
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next.
PQ66906/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet.
PQ64937/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN
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PQ67523/26 | EMER CURRIE
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PQ67288/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS
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PQ66927/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next.
PQ66869/26 | RUTH COPPINGER
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet.
PQ66854/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will next meet.
PQ66797/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next.
PQ64350/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN
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PQ64347/26 | BRENDAN SMITH
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Northern Ireland will meet next.
PQ64301/26 | CATHAL CROWE
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet.
PQ66942/26 | PAUL MURPHY
14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will meet next.
PQ66896/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE
15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet.
PQ64293/26 | SHAY BRENNAN
16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet.
PQ64278/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL
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PQ67289/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS
18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet.
PQ66935/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT
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PQ66928/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN
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PQ66920/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH
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PQ66870/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

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23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet.

PQ65515/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on EU and International Affairs will next meet.

PQ68568/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet.

PQ66943/26 | PAUL MURPHY

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet next

PQ66897/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on The Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet.

PQ66688/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet.

PQ64292/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet next.

PQ64289/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet next.

PQ64285/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet.

PQ64280/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet next.

PQ67182/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet next.

PQ66938/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet next.

PQ66921/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet next.

PQ66852/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will next meet.

PQ65514/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet.

PQ65509/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy, Trade and Competitiveness will meet next.

PQ64831/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economy and Investment will next meet.

PQ68629/26 | GED NASH

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Children and Education will next meet.

PQ65614/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.

PQ65174/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.

PQ64284/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.

PQ64283/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.

PQ64282/26 | CATHAL CROWE

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.
PQ64281/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.
PQ67764/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet.
PQ67179/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet.
PQ66937/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.
PQ66922/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.
PQ66871/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will meet next.
PQ66850/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet.
PQ65219/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet.
PQ65407/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet.
PQ65369/26 | PAUL MURPHY

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet.
PQ64373/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Children and Education will next meet.
PQ68633/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

57. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ66939/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

58. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ64343/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

59. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet.
PQ64308/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

60. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ64287/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

61. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet.
PQ67180/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

62. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will next meet.
PQ67052/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

63. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ66859/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

64. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure will meet next.
PQ64833/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

65. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ66941/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

66. To ask the Taoiseach if signage for Shared Island Projects is required to specify the source of funding for the projects.
PQ66915/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

67. To ask the Taoiseach to provide information on the language requirements for signage on Shared Island Projects across the island.
PQ66913/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

68. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Shared Island unit.
PQ64936/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ64352/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

70. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ66860/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

71. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ64349/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

72. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Shared Island unit in his Department.
PQ64302/26 | CATHAL CROWE

73. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ66861/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

74. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ64305/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

75. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Water Quality will meet next.
PQ64303/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

76. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will meet next.
PQ66898/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will meet next.
PQ64307/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

78. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Action will next meet.
PQ65374/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet.
PQ64306/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

80. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will meet next.
PQ67765/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

81. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet.
PQ65218/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

82. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet.
PQ65371/26 | PAUL MURPHY

83. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate Action, Environment and Energy will next meet.
PQ64374/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

84. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet.
PQ65609/26 | MARK WARD

85. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet.
PQ64526/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

86. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ67767/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

87. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet.
PQ67050/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

88. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ66874/26 | MARTIN DALY

89. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ66863/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

90. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ64511/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY
91. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next.
PQ64346/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN
92. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ66689/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN
93. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will next meet.
PQ65608/26 | MARK WARD
94. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ66875/26 | MARTIN DALY
95. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ66864/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE
96. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ64353/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN
97. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Disability will meet next.
PQ64348/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN
98. To ask the Taoiseach for a report on the work of the Child Poverty and Well-Being Programme Office in his Department.
PQ64502/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY
99. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department.
PQ64813/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE
100. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Climate Action Unit of his Department.
PQ65376/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ
101. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on his recent engagement with President Trump.
PQ64904/26 | PAUL LAWLESS
102. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on his recent engagement with President Trump.
PQ64826/26 | PÉADAR TÓIBÍN
103. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with US President Trump.
PQ65173/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT
104. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of the United States.
PQ66876/26 | MARTIN DALY
105. To ask the Taoiseach to report on recent engagement he has had with the President of the United States of America.
PQ65511/26 | RUTH COPPINGER
106. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with the US President Donald Trump.
PQ65368/26 | PAUL MURPHY
107. To ask the Taoiseach for an update on the implementation of the Dublin City Task Force Report.
PQ65408/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD
108. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the programme plan for his Department's new disability unit for 2025-2027.
PQ65409/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD
109. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham; and the matters discussed.
PQ65526/26 | LIAM QUAIDE
110. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the visit of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney to Ireland in June 2026.
PQ65513/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ
111. To ask the Taoiseach to report on his recent meeting with the Chancellor of Germany.
PQ65510/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

112. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the recommendation in the recent report of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum that his Department should establish an economic regulators forum to host quarterly meetings between regulatory bodies, the enterprise sector and trade unions on the cost of doing business.

PQ66611/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

113. To ask the Taoiseach his response to the recommendation in the recent report of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum that his Department should establish an economic regulators forum to host quarterly meetings between regulatory bodies, the enterprise sector and trade unions on the cost of doing business.

PQ66610/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

114. To ask the Taoiseach the tourism figures for summer 2026 in comparison to summer 2025; and the amount grossed over the summer from the tourism sector.

PQ66884/26 | JOE NEVILLE

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Airgeadais: To the Finance

115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider applying a 75% windfall tax on the profits of energy companies including electricity companies.

PQ68614/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the action his Department is taking to address the continued tracker mortgage and consumer-protection issues arising from the transfer of mortgages (details supplied).

PQ68857/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will outline the estimated cost to the State of vulture funds using structures like IREF to avoid paying taxes on rental income.

PQ68615/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide details of the impact assessments undertaken on Exchequer revenues in relation to the proposed Savings and Investment Account.

PQ68940/26 | GED NASH

119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider further measures on excise duty to reduce the cost of petrol and diesel.

PQ68617/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to implement the recommendations of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum report that come under the remit of his Department.

PQ68706/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Airgeadais: To the Finance

121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to report on the progress made on a new double taxation convention between the UK and Ireland with the aim of improving cross border labour mobility.

PQ68631/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether he intends to engage with the British government on the issue of cross-border workers, people who live in the North and work in the South, who face numerous tax anomalies.

PQ68200/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the amount of carbon tax collected for the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ68497/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure adequate access to cash and in-person banking services in rural communities, particularly towns in counties Roscommon and Galway; the way in which the effectiveness of the access-to-cash framework is being assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68571/26 | MARTIN DALY

125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the collection of the Vacant Homes Tax.

PQ68491/26 | THOMAS GOULD

126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether changes to the tax system are being considered for Budget 2027 to better recognise the additional costs faced by persons with disabilities, including the cost of transport, energy, medical and assistive equipment; and whether additional or enhanced tax reliefs in this area are under consideration.

PQ68536/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is considering abolishing USC for workers earning less than €100,000 in order to help workers with increases in costs of living.

PQ68656/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will remove excise duty from home heating oil in recognition of the severe pressures faced by families resulting from soaring costs.

PQ68612/26 | MATT CARTHY

129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will ensure the proportionate application of Revenue fixed penalty sanctions for administrative measures as recommended by the report of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum.

PQ68409/26 | SEAN FLEMING

130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which he intends to balance measures to support working families with the need for continued investment in infrastructure and public services in Budget 2027.

PQ68584/26 | GRACE BOLAND

131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the farmer VAT flat rate addition, given concerns that it places financial pressure on smaller farmer incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68541/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the current total excise (carbon and non-carbon component) on home heating oil, petrol, diesel and green diesel; the amount received by the Exchequer from these taxes in each of the years from 2020 to date in 2026; and the total amount he plans to increase each by, up until 2030.

PQ68616/26 | MATT CARTHY

133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to implement the recommendations of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum report that come under the remit of his Department.

PQ68453/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to improve transparency for SME business customers in relation to fees, charges and bills for banking and payment services.

PQ68502/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will reconsider increasing taxes on wealth and capital in Budget 2027, in view of recent research by an organisation (details supplied) that predicts increases in returns to capital as a result of AI adoption and recommends diversifying the tax base by expanding taxes on wealth and capital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68603/26 | PAUL MURPHY

136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will report on plans to amend the Irish Collective Asset-management Vehicles Act 2015 and other legislation to facilitate the adoption of tokenisation in Ireland's fund industry.

PQ68262/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount contributed to the EU MFF by Ireland in each of the years 2019 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the total receipts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68605/26 | CATHY BENNETT

138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the additional VAT receipts accruing to the Exchequer for each one cent per litre increase in the pre-tax price of petrol and diesel; and the total additional VAT collected on road fuels in 2026 to date as a result of higher wholesale prices.

PQ68467/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an update on the reason the vacant and derelict property taxes have failed to move the dial on the scourge of vacancy and dereliction in our cities, towns and villages.

PQ68619/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will report on his engagement regarding the EU Multiannual Financial Framework post-2027.

PQ68610/26 | CATHY BENNETT

141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department will consider increasing the Derelict Property Tax amount to discourage property owners from leaving units vacant.

PQ68635/26 | JOE NEVILLE

142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has assessed proposals for a mechanism under which no further VAT or excise would be applied to petrol and diesel once the retail price reaches a set threshold, such as €1.70 per litre; the estimated annual cost to the Exchequer of such a mechanism at current and forecast pump prices; and his Department's view on its compatibility with the EU VAT Directive and the Energy Taxation Directive.

PQ68466/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the action he plans to take further to his Department's Funds Sector 2030 review recommending developing a pathway to the adoption of tokenisation.

PQ68284/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he intends to reform deemed disposal tax rules for Irish Investors.

PQ67872/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will reintroduce indexation for Capital Gains Tax as the current system leads to an unfair tax when there is no real gain.

PQ68630/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will give a commitment that an issue (details supplied) will be specifically considered as part of the Budget process, rather than relying solely on general measures for the hospitality sector.

PQ68517/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to provide an update on the development of the new State-backed savings and investment scheme for ordinary investors.

PQ68199/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance when the new Derelict Property Tax will be introduced.

PQ68496/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the progress that has been made in reducing the cost and improving the availability of public liability insurance for community and voluntary organisations, including sporting clubs; and whether he is satisfied that insurance reforms are resulting in lower premiums for these organisations.

PQ67434/26 | PETER ROCHE

150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is intending to make any changes to the Section 481 Film Tax credit in the upcoming budget in view of the recommendations of the Budgetary Oversight Committee report on Section 481, particularly in relation to addressing employment rights, employment security, and the use of buy-out contracts for actors, performers, writers and directors.

PQ68636/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the introduction of a windfall tax for large energy companies.

PQ65222/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance whether, in the context of Budget 2027, he will consider measures through the taxation system to recognise the significantly higher transport costs faced by workers living in rural areas who have limited or no access to public transport and are therefore dependent on private cars to travel to work; and whether consideration will be given to a targeted rural commuter tax credit or other form of relief.

PQ68354/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if investment by the providers of planned new personal investment accounts using moneys invested through the new accounts will be subject to deemed disposal taxation.

PQ68283/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to increase the uptake of State-supported finance by SMEs in the western region; the geographical distribution of lending supported through the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland; and whether further measures are being considered to improve access to finance for businesses in counties Roscommon and Galway.

PQ68570/26 | MARTIN DALY

155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is considering any initiatives to make it a simpler process for SMEs to switch banks.

PQ68501/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he plans tax changes to support first time buyers.

PQ68538/26 | TOM BRABAZON

157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will act to reduce the cost of appealing Revenue assessments as recommended by the report of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum.

PQ68413/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the scope in Budget 2027 for income tax measures to support working people and ensure that increases in earnings translate into meaningful increases in take home pay.

PQ68585/26 | GRACE BOLAND

159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has plans to review the tax treatment of home heating oil.

PQ68451/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the steps he is taking regarding tokenised money market funds.

PQ68281/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to enable the funds sector to exploit the benefits of tokenisation and other digital innovation.

PQ68361/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the expected timeline for the planned legislation to support the tokenisation of the fund sector as committed to in the new Ireland for Finance Strategy.

PQ68580/26 | EMER CURRIE

163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views on the merits of financially incentivising the use of HVO fuel instead of diesel to support achieving our climate emission targets, and in the context of significant price increases on fossil fuels.

PQ68250/26 | BARRY WARD

164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware that workers on average pay a greater proportion of their wage in income related taxes than businesses pay in corporate taxes; and his plans to ensure that businesses pay at least the same proportion of their profits in taxes as the ordinary worker.

PQ68648/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the position regarding a review of inheritance tax parameters; and if the existing relationship category thresholds can be reviewed.

PQ68251/26 | BARRY WARD

166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to amend the standard capital superannuation benefit guidelines (details supplied) so that standard non-cash benefits-in-kind (such as health insurance) received during statutory maternity leave do not disqualify an employee from utilizing the look-back provision to calculate their true average salary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ67658/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to ensure that film producer companies in receipt of section 481 Film Tax Credit, claiming that they are providing quality employment and training, are also required to be the legal employer of the film crew on the film production for which the credit is claimed.

PQ68637/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has plans to remove the eight-year deemed disposal rule on investments.

PQ68280/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to bring forward changes to the current provisions for deemed disposal as part of Budget 2027.

PQ68264/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the progress the Government has made in supporting credit unions to expand their capacity for mortgage and business lending.

PQ68404/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has plans to introduce reforms surrounding deemed disposals in the upcoming Budget.

PQ68576/26 | JOE NEVILLE

172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the way in which the measures being considered as part of Budget 2027 are intended to increase housing supply and support delivery, while avoiding unintended inflationary effects within the housing market.

PQ68545/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is considering a tax credit to support smaller rural pubs.

PQ68412/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on his Department's role in the proposed replacement of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers' scheme and the move away from the current Primary Medical Certificate criteria towards a needs-based approach.

PQ67435/26 | PETER ROCHE

175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will increase taxation on data centres in Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68600/26 | PAUL MURPHY

176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to confirm details of the Government's proposed new investment scheme; and when it is likely to be put in place.

PQ68632/26 | COLM BURKE

177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the assessments he has carried out on the current maximum help to buy scheme relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68540/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will review the enhanced reporting requirement for SMEs.

PQ68406/26 | SEAN FLEMING

179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the measures he will take to reduce the cost of home heating oil.

PQ67871/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for an update on the work he has undertaken to introduce the new Derelict Property Tax.

PQ68489/26 | THOMAS GOULD

181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the tax measures being considered for Budget 2027 to support SMEs facing increased costs and to encourage small businesses to invest, grow and create employment; and whether changes to existing tax reliefs for SMEs are being examined as part of the Budget process.

PQ68535/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he has read the latest Wealth Tax Report (details supplied); and if he is considering introducing a similar wealth tax to broaden the tax base and fund critical infrastructure projects and services.

PQ68639/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the consideration he has given to using changes to USC as a means of reducing the tax burden on workers in preparing Budget 2027; and the way in which this compares with changes to the higher rate of income tax in terms of who would benefit.

PQ68516/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his plans to support more retail investment in the funds sector.

PQ68362/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he intends to ensure equity of treatment and provide options for people that choose to keep their savings in cash accounts in the savings and investment scheme.

PQ68623/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the analysis he has undertaken to examine the tax measures available to reduce the cost of home heating oil.

PQ68624/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider further measures to reduce the cost of green diesel to protect agriculture, construction, and other sectors from soaring costs.

PQ68626/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his Department has carried out analysis into persons that ultimately benefit from the renters' tax credits when no ban on rent increase is in place.

PQ68627/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

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Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach

189. To ask the Taoiseach if it is proposed to have an extensive information campaign in advance of Census 2027 emphasising that it is a legal requirement to participate in the Census; and the penalties that are in place for those who do not participate.

PQ68739/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

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

190. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the percentage of the 2025 budget allocation that was spent on the salaries of staff that are based at each Irish Embassy and or Consulate General Offices worldwide, in tabular form; and if Departmental staff that are based at the Embassies or Consulate General Offices are paid in Euro or local currency where the Euro is not the currency.

PQ68047/26 | SORCA CLARKE

191. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the term for the post of Irish Ambassador to the United States is next due for renewal.

PQ68049/26 | SORCA CLARKE

192. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade If she will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if the passport application can be expedited as a matter of urgency due to the upcoming travel date.

PQ68085/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

193. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether her Department has raised the situation of human rights defenders in West Papua in the context of the EU-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations.

PQ68079/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

194. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she will provide an update on the preparation and publication of Ireland's second National Plan on Business and Human Rights, following the conclusion of the first National Plan in 2020 and the public consultation undertaken in 2023; the current timeframe for publication of the second Plan; and whether, in view of the significant changes made to the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive in 2026, her Department will commit to undertaking further consultation with rights-holders, civil society organisations and trade unions on the final draft of the Plan before publication.

PQ68266/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

195. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will condemn the recent widespread arrests and detentions of numerous LGBTQ+ persons and activists in Turkey, if she will re-affirm Turkey's obligations to uphold the rights and freedoms of LGBTQ+ people as guaranteed by the ECHR; if she will raise her concerns directly with the Turkish Ambassador to Ireland; and if the Irish Government will support placing those responsible for the gross violations of human rights on the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions regime.

PQ68286/26 | BARRY WARD

196. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the official or diplomatic links or engagements Ireland has with North Korea.

PQ68224/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

197. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade If she will raise at EU level concerns regarding the operation of the EU's 50% duties on steel imports, particularly where a substantial proportion of the material concerned originates within the EU; whether she is satisfied that there is sufficient transparency in the manner in which the State can allocate steel import quotas; and if consideration has been given to applying quotas at the end of each quarter rather than the beginning, ensuring a more equitable distribution among steel importers.

PQ68316/26 | EAMON SCANLON

198. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade about the recent wave of arrests and detentions of LGBTQ+ persons and activists in Turkey, if she will raise her concerns directly with the Turkish Ambassador to Ireland, if the Irish Government would support considering those responsible for this anti-LGBTQ+ crackdown for inclusion under the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime.

PQ68167/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

199. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to outline the potential advantages and the operational nature of the proposed Associate Membership of the European Union for Canada

PQ68531/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

200. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a passport application for a person (details supplied) will be expedited.

PQ68579/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

201. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade If the passport application for a person (details supplied) can be expedited.

PQ68574/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

202. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade If the passport application for a person (details supplied) can be expedited.

PQ68573/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

203. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the level of engagements between her Department and the government of Indonesia in 2025, and to-date in 2026.

PQ68655/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

204. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a passport for a child (details supplied) that was applied for on 17 August 2026 will be processed in time for a travel date in October 2026.

PQ68829/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

205. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide an update on the recall of Irish passports issued between 23 December 2025 and 6 January 2026; the number of affected passport holders; the arrangements in place for the reissue of recalled passports; whether persons required to return recalled passports are being charged any additional fee for replacement passports; if so, the rationale for such charges; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68760/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

206. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passports issued in the past five years with a sex marker other than F or M, by year, in tabular form.

PQ68916/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

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

207. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment with regards to SEAI's warmer homes scheme, if there are plans to raise the year of construction and occupation from 2006 in order that it may closer align with SEAI's other grants which are available to homes built and occupied before 2011; if not, if he will consider this in the context of future budgets, particularly given the popularity of the scheme and the serious advances made in energy efficiency in the past 20 years

PQ68131/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

208. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures his Department implemented to fulfil the requirements in Regulation 31 of the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1997 (S.I. No. 94 of 1997) when drafting the Conservation of Salmon and Sea Trout Bye-Law (No. 814) 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68248/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

209. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his officials ever issued a Section 14 Authorisation to Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) under the Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959 for the stocking or restocking of invasive/non-native roach (*rutilus rutilus*) into Lough Corrib SAC, County Galway during stock management operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68246/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

210. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 132 of 16 September 2026, to report on each of the dates his officials met with energy suppliers broken down by energy supplier and the dates on which the meetings were held; to outline if minutes were taken at the meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68294/26 | PA DALY

211. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if the meeting of his departmental officials with four recognised trade unions concerning the employee share ownership plan promised in June (details supplied) will take place without further delay.

PQ68187/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

212. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the way in which the findings of the independent analysis on repowering and lifetime extension will inform the forthcoming National Planning Statement on Wind Energy and the development of a policy framework for existing onshore wind farms; whether he accepts that delays in providing such a framework risk the loss of existing renewable generation capacity at a time when Ireland needs to accelerate renewable-energy deployment to meet its climate and energy targets, strengthen energy security and reduce costs for electricity consumers; and the timeline for putting such a framework in place.

PQ68383/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

213. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department has considered recommendations (details supplied), including its recommendations on accelerating the repowering and lifetime extension of existing wind farms; whether these recommendations are being considered as part of the independent analysis; and his plans for policy change in this area in the context of Ireland's climate and renewable-energy obligations and the need to deliver secure and affordable electricity for consumers.

PQ68382/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

214. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the independent analysis being undertaken in relation to the repowering and lifetime extension of Ireland's existing onshore wind farms; the current status of this work; and when he expects the analysis to be completed.

PQ68381/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

215. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on the publication of the communications strategy as part of the National Biomethane Strategy.

PQ68520/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

216. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment whether his Department's allocation in Budget 2027 will make provision for the estimated €220 million in national contributions to match the €663 million in funding under the EU Social Climate Fund which has been available to draw down since 2026; and the subheading, programme and vote this allocation will fall under.

PQ68683/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

217. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment for an update on his Department's input into the regulatory framework governing the biomethane sector in Ireland; to outline in detail the actions in that framework which his Department is responsible for; and if he will provide an update on the progress of same.

PQ68682/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

218. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 21 October 2025, whether his Department's allocation in Budget 2026 made provision for the estimated €220 million in national contributions to match the €663 million in funding under the EU Social Climate Fund; and the subheading, programme and vote this allocation fell under in the Revised Estimates for Public Services 2026.

PQ68681/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

219. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the efforts his Department have made to encourage better take-up of the solar PV scheme by electricity providers.

PQ68695/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

220. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment If he will outline the current wait times for works through the SEAI warmer homes scheme; and the number of applications for this scheme at present.

PQ68851/26 | ROBERT TROY

221. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the actions taken since Storm Éowyn to improve the resilience of the electricity distribution network; and to provide a breakdown of works completed to date.

PQ68834/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of recyclable material collected in Ireland that was exported for recycling or reprocessing in each of the past five years, broken down by material type.

PQ68876/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of PET plastic was collected for recycling in Ireland for the latest year that figures are available; the amount that was reprocessed in Ireland; and the amount that was exported for reprocessing.

PQ68875/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the amount of plastic waste collected for recycling in Ireland that was reprocessed in Ireland for the latest year that figures are available; the amount that was exported for reprocessing; and the State's capacity currently to recycle plastic waste.

PQ68874/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the supports available to small businesses and enterprises regarding the rising cost of energy.

PQ68944/26 | CATHY BENNETT

226. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he can outline the planning regulations that are currently in place for the development of Biomethane plants; and if he will advise if there are specific regulations in relation to buffer zones and minimum setback distances.

PQ68521/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

Chun an Cosanta: To the Defence

227. To ask the Minister for Defence the actions she is taking to address proposals that soldiers are seeing their rations cut (details supplied); and if she believes that this is an appropriate course of action.

PQ68062/26 | BARRY WARD

228. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of females currently in recruit training in each of the three branches of the Defence Forces.

PQ68060/26 | SORCA CLARKE

229. To ask the Minister for Defence the total costs of the two P70 class ships (LÉ Aoibhinn and LÉ Gobnait) since they were purchased from New Zealand, broken down by category (details supplied).

PQ68142/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

230. To ask the Minister for Defence the budget that has been allocated to the Conference on Defence Industry her Department is organising as part of Ireland's EU presidency.

PQ68163/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

231. To ask the Minister for Defence the budget that was allocated to the Conference on Maritime Security organised by her Department as part of Ireland's EU presidency.

PQ68159/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

232. To ask the Minister for Defence whether four members of the legal team originally appointed to the Defence Forces Tribunal (details supplied) ceased to act during the latter part of 2024, whether by resignation, judicial appointment or otherwise; the name, position and date of departure of each person; the reason for each departure insofar as communicated to her or her Department; the period for which each position remained vacant; and the transparent and accountable process used to select and appoint each replacement, including, in particular, the replacement.

PQ68402/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

233. To ask the Minister for Defence where no formal complaints procedure has been adopted by the Defence Forces Tribunal, the procedure by which complaints already received, or received in the future, concerning the Tribunal's administration, procedures, services, legal team or treatment of complainants and victim-witnesses are to be acknowledged, recorded, independently examined and determined; the person or office responsible for each stage; the standards and time limits applicable; and whether written reasons and an internal or independent review mechanism are available.

PQ68397/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

234. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Tribunal of Inquiry into Issues Relating to the Complaints Processes in the Defence Forces and the Culture Surrounding the Making of Complaints has adopted a formal written procedure for receiving, registering, investigating and determining complaints concerning the tribunal's own administration, procedures, services, legal team or treatment of persons engaging with it; and the date on which any such procedure was adopted and where it has been published.

PQ68394/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

235. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Defence Forces Tribunal has appointed any persons specifically to act as independent investigators, separate from its counsel and solicitors; if so, the number appointed, their professional qualifications, terms of appointment and functions; if none have been appointed, whether the Tribunal's investigative work is being conducted solely through its legal team (details supplied); whether she has sought or received any assessment of the adequacy of that investigative model; and to provide details of any capacity assessment or assurance received.

PQ68400/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

236. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide the full cost of the be emergency ready information booklet; to include a breakdown of consultancy used; and the design cost, print cost and dissemination costs by media and/or postage campaign delivery.

PQ68586/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

237. To ask the Minister for Defence her response to recent media reports that soldiers' rations, radar systems and naval guns are among a number of areas to be curtailed by Defence Forces to meet military spending cuts.

PQ68827/26 | CATHAL CROWE

238. To ask the Minister for Defence when a local flood warning service will be available for communities.

PQ68841/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

239. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 64325/26 of 16 September 2026, to confirm whether the figures provided for 2022 to 2025 relate solely to contracts awarded through Office of Government Procurement frameworks or also include drawdowns under OGCIO, HSE and OPW arrangements; and if the latter, to provide the figures for each of the four separately, in tabular form.

PQ68778/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

240. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 64320/26 and 64321/26 of 16 September 2026 (details supplied), the overall Air Corps fleet availability expressed as a single annual percentage for each of the years 2022 to 2025, without breakdown by aircraft type, base or role; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68777/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

241. To ask the Minister for Defence the persons on the subgroup to develop the National Flood Forecasting and Warning Service; the frequency with which they have met since the subgroup was established and when; and to provide an update on the stage 2 of the National Flood Forecasting and Warning Service NFFWS.

PQ68840/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

242. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the current status of each of the State's naval vessels; whether they are currently at sea; the details of hours sailed by each vessel in each of the years from 2020 to date in 2026; the way in which this compares to time in port each year; the costs associated with maintaining each vessel in port; the reason vessels may not be able to go to sea; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68954/26 | JOHN BRADY

243. To ask the Minister for Defence to provide an update on the numbers of personnel within the Army, Naval Service, Air Corps and Reserve Defence Forces; the figures at each year end from 2020 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68950/26 | JOHN BRADY

244. To ask the Minister for Defence the membership of the Government task force on emergency planning; and how often the task force has met in 2025 and in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ68839/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

Chun an Iompair: To the Transport

245. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland have plans to introduce road safety and traffic calming measures at the entrance to Mallow Hospital on the N20; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68041/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

246. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to extend rail services to Park West and Cherry Orchard station on weekends

PQ68030/26 | JEN CUMMINS

247. To ask the Minister for Transport the current position regarding the Transport Security Force Bill; and when this Bill will progress to the next stage.

PQ68054/26 | SORCA CLARKE

248. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department's policy on consultation with the National Monuments Service and The Heritage Council, with regards to protected sites located close to proposed development of bus layover infrastructure.

PQ68116/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

249. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding a review of the Vehicle Clamping Act 2015 that would restrict the permission of private clamping companies to clamp cars on public land and instead encourage a system of fixed penalties that would not restrict the driver from leaving.

PQ68092/26 | BARRY WARD

250. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department plans on reviewing the Vehicle Clamping Act 2015.

PQ68244/26 | EMER CURRIE

251. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount the National Transport Authority has fined Dublin Bus for bus routes 15, 27a, 27b, H1, H2, H3, and 6 not meeting NTA service delivery targets in each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68263/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

252. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount the National Transport Authority have fined Iarnród Éireann for not meeting service delivery targets for the DART.

PQ68276/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

253. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans for the introduction of BusConnects to Waterford; the date the BusConnects plan is to commence; the requirements which must be met to deliver the new transport scheme; whether permanent funding has been committed to the scheme; if so, the amount; the full extent of revenue and capital funding needed for the scheme; the number of drivers needed for the scheme and the number in situ; the plans for recruitment of drivers; whether there are delays to implementation; if so, the reasons; and whether there has been a decision to postpone the scheme.

PQ68285/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

254. To ask the Minister for Transport whether consideration has been given to the difficulties faced by learner drivers whose insurance renewal date falls after their scheduled driving test date, resulting in them being unable to present valid documentation at the time of the test; whether this issue has been raised with the Road Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68238/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

255. To ask the Minister for Transport to take into consideration the most dangerous section of the Ring of Kerry, National Secondary road by requesting TII to provide E150,000 to Kerry County Council to cover the cost of the planning application for the long-overdue Laune Bridge to Anglont/RDI Hub road realignment project; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ68232/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

256. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans to review and broaden access to the Residential Sound Insulation Grant Scheme (RSIGS) for homes experiencing noise disruption due to the increase in night-time flights at Dublin Airport.

PQ68303/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

257. To ask the Minister for Transport to outline his plans for interim traffic arrangements during the Dart+ west construction programme.

PQ68196/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

258. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has a strategy for the purchase of additional train carriages over the next number of years; and if such a strategy exists to outline the number of carriages expected to be delivered by year, in tabular form.

PQ68178/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

259. To ask the Minister for Transport whether additional funding has been allocated to the RSA to expand existing road safety education programmes; if yes, the amount of additional funding provided; whether any additional programmes will be delivered in 2026; and the number of additional educational programmes that will be delivered.

PQ68329/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

260. To ask the Minister for Transport To ask the Minister for Transport why the 00:20 Expressway service from Dublin Airport to Drogheda failed to operate on September 13, why no passenger updates were provided, and what measures are being taken to prevent a recurrence.

PQ68333/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

261. To ask the Minister for Transport Whether any funding has been allocated to establishing the new "Road Safety Ambassadors Programme" as announced by his Department (Details Supplied); and when the programme is expected to be launched.

PQ68332/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

262. To ask the Minister for Transport has the RSA considered reforming the current driving-test format, including a more supportive or modular assessment model, while maintaining road-safety standards.

PQ68319/26 | JOHN LAHART

263. To ask the Minister for Transport what the average waiting time is for a repeat driving test following an unsuccessful attempt, and what measures are being considered to reduce this delay.

PQ68320/26 | JOHN LAHART

264. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports or reasonable accommodations the RSA provides to driving-test candidates experiencing anxiety or mental-health difficulties; and if these supports are being reviewed.

PQ68318/26 | JOHN LAHART

265. To ask the Minister for Transport if an application to renew a driving licence can be made on-line; and if not, if he will indicate the process an applicant has to follow.

PQ68350/26 | BARRY WARD

266. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Luas Finglas and to provide an updated timeline for the project to commence construction.

PQ68324/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

267. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria that will be used to identify, prioritise and select locations for the deployment of new traffic enforcement cameras under the National Safety Camera Strategy; whether school routes, areas with high levels of red-light violations and locations where local communities have raised persistent road safety concerns will be included within those criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68393/26 | GRACE BOLAND

268. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of enforcement notices issued under Part 4 of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019; and the number of applications made to the High Court under that Part, since the commencement of those provisions.

PQ68428/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

269. To ask the Minister for Transport to identify the person, office or body that determined that the flight paths at Dublin Airport are not a factor, part or condition of the planning permission for the North runway; the capacity and date, given that his Department has stated that no record of any such determination exists and that Fingal County Council has identified no such determination.

PQ68427/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

270. To ask the Minister for Transport to list the noise abatement procedures in place at Dublin Airport which his Department states are fully consistent with the Environmental Noise Directive and Regulation (EU) No 598/2014, identifying for each the instrument specifying it and the body verifying compliance with it.

PQ68407/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

271. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which he appointed a person by notice in writing under section 3(9)(a) of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019; the individual appointed; the terms of reference used; whether the resulting report will be published; and whether it will be furnished before the competent authority issues its regulatory decision on the current application.

PQ68418/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

272. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that cash payment options remain on rail services, particularly for free travel pass holders who may not have access to a bank card; and if he will ensure that these users who are not familiar with online systems have an alternative and accessible way to book seats, particularly when ticket machines are not always working.

PQ68436/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

273. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the aircraft noise competent authority's independence of the airport authority is achieved for the purposes of Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) No 598/2014; and if it is achieved by a functional separation, to identify it, given that its operating costs are recouped from the airport operator and that section 19(1)(b) of the 2019 Act places the noise measuring systems in that operator's hands.

PQ68425/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

274. To ask the Minister for Transport to confirm through the Road Safety Authority the number of driving tests that have taken place to date at the recently opened Drogheda driving test centre; the pass rate; and his plans to expand the number of testers at the centre.

PQ68423/26 | GED NASH

275. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on correspondence (details supplied).

PQ68421/26 | EMER CURRIE

276. To ask the Minister for Transport the statutory basis on which the outcome of a review of the competent authority's performance under section 3(9)(a) of the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 will inform consideration of the future planning framework for Dublin Airport.

PQ68420/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

277. To ask the Minister for Transport to identify, by name and instrument, the "standard European procedures" with which his Department states that Dublin Airport's procedures are in full alignment.

PQ68410/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

278. To ask the Minister for Transport his response to recommendation 9 of the Joint Committee on Transport's report on the pre-legislative scrutiny of the General Scheme of the Dublin Airport (Passenger Capacity) Bill 2026 (details supplied); if his Department maintains that the Aircraft Noise (Dublin Airport) Regulation Act 2019 provides a wholly independent process in accordance with that Regulation; and, if recommended restructuring is not to be undertaken, the reasons the French model is considered unsuitable for adoption in the State.

PQ68426/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

279. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department maintains that noise abatement procedures in Ireland are fully consistent with Regulation (EU) No 598/2014 having regard to Commission Decision (EU) 2026/836 of 10 February 2026; and whether Ireland has yet informed the European Commission of its intentions under Article 1(2) of that decision, which requires it to do so before introducing those operating restrictions, and if not, the point in the current process it intends to.

PQ68414/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

280. To ask the Minister for Transport to contact the people involved who approved a 15% in public transport to reconsider the decision and to reverse this increase in view of the impact this is having on the cost of living and the inevitable situation where more people will be forced to go back into cars on the road because of the cost of public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68464/26 | SEAN FLEMING

281. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made on the National Safety Camera Strategy and the rollout of additional traffic enforcement cameras; the timeline for delivery of the camera enforcement programme being developed by the National Transport Authority with An Garda Síochána and Transport Infrastructure Ireland; the status of the procurement of a Camera Enforcement Subject Matter Expert; and the expected commencement date for the operation of new camera based enforcement measures.

PQ68469/26 | GRACE BOLAND

282. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an anticipated timeline for the progression of the National Vehicle and Driver File, Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2026; and when he expects the Bill to be enacted.

PQ68484/26 | SEÁN KYNE

283. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide a detailed progress report on connecting the train station and bus station in Killarney, County Kerry; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ68231/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

284. To ask the Minister for Transport whether local authorities can issue fines for failure to display a tax disc.

PQ68514/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

285. To ask the Minister for Transport for a detailed update in relation to actions taken on the Rail Project Prioritisation Strategy 'Early Intervention' actions.

PQ68512/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

286. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the delivery of the 127 bus route from Dublin City Centre to Kildare, currently operated by a company (details supplied); and can he clarify if it is a 24 hour service.

PQ68523/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

287. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any plans to expanded the 215 bus service in Cork City to run later in the day similar to the 220 bus service, as of September 2026; if there are any plans to increase capacity on the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68566/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

288. To ask the Minister for Transport the statistics his Department has for collisions or road incidents along the N85 between Ennis and Ennistymon each year since 2016, in tabular form; if his Department or the TII have plans to address the number of collisions along the road; if his Department has plans to allocate funding to realign or improve the road in the interest of safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68666/26 | CATHAL CROWE

289. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with the National Transport Authority to review the proposed public transport fare increases due to take effect from 2027, particularly in light of concerns regarding affordability, the impact on rural commuters in County Kerry, and the potential effect on public transport usage; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68608/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

290. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount the National Transport Authority has estimated would be required in 2027 to maintain Public Service Obligation fares at 2026 levels; whether the Department has sought that amount in the Budget 2027 Estimates process; and if the Minister will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68779/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

291. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the NTA to identify towns and population centres in Meath West where current public transport provision does not provide a viable morning and evening commuting option to Dublin, Navan, Trim or Mullingar and whether these gaps will be considered for additional PSO or Connecting Ireland services during 2027.

PQ68709/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

292. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ask the NTA to review the frequency and reliability of Route 115 serving Enfield and Dublin, with reference to peak commuter demand; and whether additional peak services or capacity are planned for this corridor.

PQ68708/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

293. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to enhancing the frequency and capacity of direct public transport services from Athboy and Trim to Dublin, particularly during morning and evening commuting periods, in view of population growth and the dependence of these communities for access to Dublin.

PQ68707/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

294. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NTA has carried out a recent capacity demand assessment of direct commuter bus services between Trim and Dublin; whether additional peak-time services on routes serving Trim are being considered; and if he will provide details of any planned service enhancements.

PQ68705/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

295. To ask the Minister for Transport if either the NTA or Bus Éireann record the number of occasions on which passengers on the NX Navan-Dublin route are unable to board due to buses reaching capacity; the number of such instances recorded in 2025 and to date in 2026; and the measures being taken to ensure sufficient capacity for commuters from Navan and surrounding areas

PQ68704/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

296. To ask the Minister for Transport when the appeals process will open for the road transport operators scheme.

PQ68793/26 | NIAL COLLINS

297. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the legal and statutory basis upon which the decision taken by the CIÉ Board in 2009 not to provide increases to pensions in payment was made; whether that decision constituted an amendment to an existing superannuation scheme within the meaning of section 44 of the Transport Act 1950; whether any Ministerial order or other statutory instrument was made in connection with that decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68804/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

298. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will provide copies or details of all Ministerial orders, statutory instruments, approvals or other formal authorisations made between 2008 and 2010 concerning amendments to CIÉ pension schemes or the payment of pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68802/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

299. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details of the legal and statutory basis upon which the decision taken by the CIÉ Board in 2009 not to provide increases to pensions in payment was made; whether that decision constituted an amendment to an existing superannuation scheme within the meaning of section 44 of the Transport Act 1950; whether any Ministerial order or other statutory instrument was made in connection with that decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68794/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

300. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will provide copies or details of all Ministerial orders, statutory instruments, approvals or other formal authorisations made between 2008 and 2010 concerning amendments to CIÉ pension schemes or the payment of pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68806/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

301. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 65444/26, to reconcile the figures provided, in circumstances where 1,195 Parliamentary Questions referred less 919 resolved leaves 276 rather than the 261 stated as open; the number of referred Parliamentary Questions outstanding for more than 30 and more than 60 working days; whether compliance with Circular 25/2016 is a measured indicator in the Performance Delivery Agreement with the National Transport Authority; and the number of occasions on which it has been raised at quarterly governance meetings in 2026.

PQ68780/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

302. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the development of the vehicle adaptation scheme; when the details of this scheme will be published; and when the scheme will be open for applications.

PQ68734/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

303. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of a service issue (details supplied); and if he will ask his officials to engage with the NTA about improving services and provide an update.

PQ68738/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

304. To ask the Minister for Transport whether Irish Rail collects data on passengers left behind due to full trains; and if so, to provide the details for the past year at the Oranmore station, in tabular form.

PQ68850/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

305. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will commit to the full implementation of developments for new cruise facilities at Dublin Port; to explore alternative approaches to finding the best solution to infrastructural and facility needs for cruise tourism at Dublin Port and ensure the best and most cost-effective approach (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68235/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

306. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on progress to improve the availability and accessibility of TFI LEAP cards at Dublin Airport, including the provision of LEAP card vending machines in the airport terminals.

PQ68930/26 | GRACE BOLAND

307. To ask the Minister for Transport whether an assessment has been undertaken of the vulnerability of the Rosslare rail corridor to coastal erosion, storm surge and sea-level rise; and if so, to publish its findings.

PQ68832/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

308. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to put adequate real-time public information on the status of arrivals and departures at Oranmore Rail Station.

PQ68884/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

309. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the proposals contained in the Athenry bus routes consultation conducted by the National Transport Authority; whether a decision has been made on the proposed rerouting of the 425a TFI bus service and the introduction of the new 416 TFI bus service between Athenry and Tuam; the timeline for implementation of these proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68883/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

310. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason commuters using rail services in the Galway metropolitan area do not benefit from fare structures equivalent to those available through the Transport for Ireland integrated fare system in Dublin; and whether consideration is being given to extending integrated metropolitan rail fares and fare caps to Galway.

PQ68878/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

311. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the proposed Park and Ride facility in Kilpedder, County Wicklow; the amount expended on the project to date; when the facility will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68946/26 | JOHN BRADY

312. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide an update on the proposed Park and Ride facility in Hollywood, County Wicklow; the amount expended on the project to date; when the facility will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68945/26 | JOHN BRADY

Chun an Airgeadais: To the Finance

313. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the amount collected on fuel, by fuel type from 2024 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ68101/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

314. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is aware of reports that different properties on the same street or development are receiving different treatment by the same insurers in terms of flood insurance cover; his plans to ensure that flood insurance is extended to buildings with limited or no flood insurance cover, excluding NDP flood relief schemes; the progress made to implement action 17 of the Action Plan for Insurance Reform 2025 to 2029; and if action 17 will be completed by 2029.

PQ68258/26 | IVANA BACIK

315. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider extending tax relief to counselling and psychotherapy fees.

PQ68241/26 | EMER CURRIE

316. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance for the following economic data in relation to the years 2005-2015: (A) - GDP €bn at constant market price. (B) GNP €bn at constant market price. (C) National Debt €bn. (D) Number of persons in employment. (E) Inflation percentage(%). (F) Unemployment percentage(%). (G) Tax Revenue Receipts €bn.

PQ68300/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

317. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to efforts by Russia or Russian backed financial technologies or financial companies, to move money through financial institutions based in Ireland in breach of sanctions; and to outline the measures in place to prevent such actions.

PQ68220/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

318. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance will he restore the 9% VAT rate for the letting of camping and touring pitches to tourists using their own camping equipment at Fáilte Ireland-registered and approved caravan and camping parks.

PQ68378/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

319. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance If he will consider increasing the property value for the help to buy scheme from €500,000 in light of the increase in construction costs and so on.

PQ68405/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

320. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider restoring the 9% VAT rate for the letting of camping and touring pitches at Fáilte Ireland-registered and approved caravan and camping parks as part of Budget 2027; if he has assessed the potential impact such a measure will have on affordability for Irish families, regional tourism, rural employment and Ireland's competitiveness in the European camping market; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68454/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

321. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will act to improve the employment investment incentive scheme as recommended by the report of the Cost of Business Advisory Forum.

PQ68415/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

322. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the cost of the removal of VAT on counselling and psychotherapy.

PQ68240/26 | EMER CURRIE

323. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he his Department consider a reduction in the VAT rate for the beauty industry in the upcoming budget (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68564/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

324. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the rationale for the application of VAT, customs-related charges and import administration fees to MedicAlert bracelets imported by individuals; whether exemptions or reliefs apply in respect of such essential medical identification products; whether he has examined the case for a review of their tax and customs treatment where no equivalent product or service is available within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68622/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

325. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the current legislative and regulatory framework governing mortgage protection insurance adequately protects creditworthy first-time buyers who are unable to obtain cover due to medical underwriting; the number of cases in which borrowers have been unable to secure mortgage protection despite mortgage approval; and if his Department has examined the possibility of a clear statutory alternative or protection for borrowers who have made every reasonable effort to obtain mortgage protection but cannot secure it.

PQ68787/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

326. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if prize bonds are subject to the criteria for dormant accounts.

PQ68785/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

327. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to outline the proposals to establish a double taxation agreement with Barbados.

PQ68733/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

328. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total cost to the Exchequer to date in 2026 of the temporary reductions in excise duties on petrol, diesel and marked gas oil; the estimated benefit per litre to consumers arising from those reductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68910/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

329. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total Exchequer expenditure, by scheme to date in 2026 on fuel-related supports for haulage operators, bus operators, farmers, agricultural contractors and fishers; and the number of beneficiaries under each scheme.

PQ68914/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

330. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the number of people who availed of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the Exchequer cost in each year; the number of unsuccessful applications refused; the latest timetable provided to his Department for replacement of the scheme; and whether provision has been made for the transition to the proposed needs-based vehicle adaptation scheme in Budget 2027.

PQ68956/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

331. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the upper purchase price limit of the help to buy scheme for homes in Dublin, where the average price of new builds is higher than the rest of the country; and if this is being considered by his Department.

PQ68854/26 | BARRY WARD

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

332. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will designate the TEN-T Priority Improvement Project Donegal as a critical infrastructure project, as requested by Donegal County Council.

PQ68034/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

333. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if companies (details supplied) are currently on the Office of Government Procurement framework to provide security and or steward personnel to public bodies; and if so, the date on which the companies term on the framework expires, in tabular form.

PQ68059/26 | SORCA CLARKE

334. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if he will review the adequacy of the safeguards under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 against penalisation, and against the disclosure of a discloser's identity without consent, in view of concerns raised publicly in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68089/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

335. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 924 of 7 September 2026, seeking to establish the proportion of earned revenue that is reinvested in the Iveagh Gardens, to confirm the amount invested in each of the past five years; the stated purpose of monies returned for the benefit of Iveagh Gardens; the value of reinvestment for same, in tabular form; the amount of earned revenue reinvested, specifically for the Office of Public Works's conservation plan for the gardens; his views on the need to ringfence monies raised in rent for conservation and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68259/26 | IVANA BACIK

336. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to provide respectively the Departmental gross voted capital allocations for 2026 following the Revised Estimates; the cause of the divergence from the allocations in the revised NDP or in Budget 2026; and if he will provide the proposed 2027 gross voted allocations, in tabular form.

PQ68164/26 | GED NASH

337. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the estimated completion date for the Whitechurch stream flood alleviation scheme; if temporary flood barriers will be erected ahead of the winter months should the permanent barriers not be completed in time; and if local residents will be informed of the comprehensive emergency protocols and rapid-response plans in place so as to reduce the significant anxiety being felt by some local residents.

PQ68236/26 | SEÁN CROWE

338. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation If the Minister DPER the reason that the January 2024 pay increase paid to medical scientists following restoration of parity with biochemists was not passed on to medical scientists who retired prior to 2024 despite reaching all the parameters set down by DEPR (File Ref: P18-13-2018) entitled "Pay Parity" as Pension increase policy, in line with the Public Service Agreement 2024-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68229/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

339. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the proposed replacement tender for the provision of a service (details supplied) and associated services following the cancellation of the competition by the Office of Government Procurement; whether a revised tender has been published; if so, the date of publication, tender reference number and estimated value of the contract; and the changes made following the concerns raised by an interested party.

PQ68567/26 | CAROL NOLAN

340. Chun a fhaifraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Bonneagair, Athchóiriúcháin Seirbhíse Poiblí agus Digitiúcháin an bhfuil aon phlean ann chun na fostaithe atá dátheangach (Gaeilge agus Béarla) a úsáid nó a spreagadh go réamhghníomhach chun seirbhísí dátheangacha a chur ar fáil don phobal; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ68503/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

341. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he will preserve the option for existing Garda members to retire at age 62 without an additional pension penalty arising from a future increase in retirement age, while allowing those who wish to continue beyond 62 to do so voluntarily, subject to appropriate fitness requirements.

PQ68659/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

342. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the up-to-date position regarding the new Garda dog training centre; and the timeline of this project progressing to the next stage.

PQ68646/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

343. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for a detailed and definitive update on the long-delayed Turoe Stone project in Bullaun, Loughrea, Co. Galway; the current status of the Office of Public Works review of the detailed design; whether that review has now been completed; if ministerial consent has been sought; and, if not, the reasons for the delay; the specific outstanding actions preventing the project from proceeding to tender; the target dates for obtaining all necessary approvals, commencing the tender process and beginning construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68668/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

344. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the Public Appointments Service records the source through which applicants for HSE consultant posts learned of the vacancy; the breakdown of such sources for

consultant campaigns in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the amount spent by the Public Appointments Service on advertising consultant campaigns in medical journals in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68803/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

345. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation if his Department can confirm the permanent defence measures in place to protect an area of county Clare (details supplied) from flooding.

PQ68817/26 | CATHAL CROWE

346. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation further to Parliamentary Question No. 65398/26 of 16 September 2026, the allocation and provisional expenditure to the end of August 2026 in respect of Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, broken down by Vote, in tabular form.

PQ68767/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

Chun an Fiontar, Turasóireachta agus Fostaíochta: To the Enterprise, Tourism and Employment

347. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the names of external HR companies that are contracted to provide services to his Department in 2025 and to date in 2026; and the nature of services each of those companies provided in each year, in tabular form.

PQ68045/26 | SORCA CLARKE

348. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether his Department advises companies against advertising services in occupied territories as if they were within the sovereign territory of the occupier.

PQ68078/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

349. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his plans to increase tourism to the historically significant town of Ferns, County Wexford, particularly in the context of 2027 being the Year of the Normans.

PQ68090/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

350. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment what budget has been allocated to the AI Summit being organised by the Department for the 14th of October as part of Ireland's EU presidency.

PQ68145/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

351. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the work of the AI Office of Ireland since its establishment earlier this year.

PQ68166/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

352. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to develop a new national life sciences strategy; and the expected timeline for its publication.

PQ68282/26 | COLM BURKE

353. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the budget that has been allocated to the High Level Conference on The Future of Work being organised by his Department as part of Ireland's EU presidency.

PQ68165/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

354. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures that have been undertaken by Government to support the agreement of international treaties on the development of artificial intelligence.

PQ68221/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

355. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment to outline the work ongoing to put in place to establish a National, Government-wide policy on artificial intelligence.

PQ68188/26 | BARRY WARD

356. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his assessment of the fact that the Central Bank quarterly report of September 16 noted that all net new jobs created in second quarter were filled by non nationals.

PQ68625/26 | CAROL NOLAN

357. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment if his Department will prepare an impact assessment and transition plan to support those impacted in Ireland by the recent decision of the EU REACH Committee to phase out the use of lead in ammunition.

PQ68714/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

358. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the position regarding any review of the requirement for company directors to make publicly available their name, date of birth, personal residential address and a copy of their signature; and if he is concerned about the implications on their privacy as a result of this requirement.

PQ68533/26 | BARRY WARD

359. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment whether retail businesses, including mobile phone accessory shops and vape shops, are eligible for local enterprise office start-up grants; the eligibility criteria applied to such businesses; and the oversight mechanisms that are in place to ensure grant funding is awarded only to qualifying enterprises.

PQ68886/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

360. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in regard to fuel rebate and support schemes advanced this year due to fuel prices, the reason tourism and sightseeing boats were not included and whether they could be considered in future schemes considering their importance in both rural and urban locations and the importance of sustaining our tourism offering in areas such as the West of Ireland and across the country.

PQ68867/26 | SEÁN KYNE

361. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the measures that are in place, or his plans for measures, concerning the use of Agentic AI with financial services and products in Ireland.

PQ68222/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

Chun an Oideachais agus Óige: To the Education and Youth

362. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the process by which a school can apply for a home liaison officer.

PQ68039/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

363. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the actions she will take to specifically intervene in the case of a school (details supplied) whereby their allocation of secretary hours has not kept pace with significant growth in pupil numbers and if this can be actioned outside of the national review.

PQ68048/26 | BARRY WARD

364. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will increase the capitation grant for schools in the Budget.

PQ68003/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

365. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will intervene to ensure a student (details supplied) can avail of a suitable secondary school place in order that he can complete his studies; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68056/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

366. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to provide a secondary school in Newcastle, County Dublin, given the increase in population and demands on other schools in the area; and to give a statement on the matter.

PQ68068/26 | MARK WARD

367. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the rotten wooden utility covers outside of (details supplied).

PQ68117/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

368. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on the need to distinguish between exception and twice exception students as part of the Saibhriú pilot programme as outlined in her previous reply.

PQ68119/26 | BARRY WARD

369. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the submission by an organisation (details supplied); if her Department will assess this proposal and engage with the organisation on their proposals.

PQ68099/26 | BARRY WARD

370. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth If this principal can be given consideration for retaining her administrative time by 80% even though her enrolment has increased and an ASD class has commenced and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68152/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

371. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of an application (details supplied) for the Formal Education Grant under the Supports for Survivors of Residential Institutional Abuse Act 2025.

PQ68156/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

372. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to correspondence (details supplied), if she will provide an update on school transport for a child; if a tender for the relevant route is currently open; if not the reason for this; and if a driver has been appointed for this route.

PQ68295/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

373. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for a breakdown of all building and remedial works taken place at a school (details supplied) in 2025 and to date in 2026; and to provide a costing of same.

PQ68239/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

374. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if there are plans to increase capitation funding for schools in Budget 2027 to ensure they can cover the costs of heating, electricity, cleaning and insurance.

PQ68288/26 | ROBERT TROY

375. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of the Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot 2023-2026, following the publication of its evaluation report in August 2026; if her Department will expand the geographic scope of strand one of the pilot to include schools and practitioners located in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68301/26 | CATHAL CROWE

376. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the significant financial and travel burden placed on primary school teachers participating in the Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot who commute extensive distances (details supplied) to deliver sessions; if her Department

will review the terms of the scheme to introduce travel and subsistence expenses for these practitioners; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68302/26 | CATHAL CROWE

377. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will examine the possibility of a JCSP Library and Librarian for a school (details supplied).

PQ68174/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

378. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports that are available to a child in a primary school with no homeschool liaison who is experiencing school refusal.

PQ68171/26 | THOMAS GOULD

379. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the expected enrollment figures for a school (details supplied) for each year from 2027-2032 inclusive, in tabular form.

PQ68195/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

380. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding any review of the capitation grant paid to school in light of significant cost increases.

PQ68189/26 | BARRY WARD

381. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the plans with timelines and details of type of buildings; the access to the school and a complex (details supplied); and the parking arrangements as well as the effect on the drainage, sewage, water supply, electricity, gas, broadband and so on to the community and local residents.

PQ68340/26 | PAUL MURPHY

382. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the safety measures that will be put in place to protect the local community during all phases of the building of a new school (details supplied).

PQ68338/26 | PAUL MURPHY

383. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the effect the building of a new school will have on local areas (details supplied) including during the building phases and the effect after it is finished on the local area.

PQ68337/26 | PAUL MURPHY

384. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason constituents have not been updated on the building of a new school (details supplied).

PQ68336/26 | PAUL MURPHY

385. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her plans to increase capitation funding in 2027.

PQ68349/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

386. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the number of primary and secondary school children and children travelling to special schools from the Donabate and Portrane area in the 2025 school year; and to include a breakdown of children attending these schools by roll numbers, in tabular form.

PQ68343/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

387. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her views on a matter (detail supplied).

PQ68309/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

388. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth is she is aware of the difficulties teachers are experiencing contacting the payroll section in order to have their queries answered (details supplied).

PQ68306/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

389. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department will engage with a family and school to assist in providing school transport assistance for a pupil (details supplied) due to the very particular family circumstances.

PQ68355/26 | ROBERT TROY

390. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the considerations given to recognising service prior to 1 May 2015 in calculating the ex-gratia lump sum for school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68391/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

391. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the provisions being made for school secretaries and caretakers who retired between the commencement of the dispute and the date of acceptance of the Labour Court proposals in July 2026, given that the recommended ex-gratia lump sum applies only to staff aged 40 and over at the point of acceptance and may exclude those who retired earlier despite long service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68390/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

392. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will intervene to fast-track home tuition funding approvals currently delayed in the Department's section in Athlone, which are leaving thirteen children unable to return to their second year at an early intervention pre-school (details supplied) despite local SENO approval; if she will reform the system to allow automatic two-year approvals for home tuition; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68375/26 | CATHAL CROWE

393. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on school transport provision for students (details supplied); and whether arrangements will be in place when these students commence on a full timetable.

PQ68419/26 | EMER CURRIE

394. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an líon páistí nach bhfuil áit scoile chuí acu don scoilbhliain seo.

PQ68356/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

395. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if a full review of the school transport scheme has been scheduled; when this will be carried out; the scope and criteria of this review; and if points (details supplied) will be included.

PQ68448/26 | ROBERT TROY

396. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a teacher will be added to her Department's payroll and commence receiving their salary; the reason for the delay; and whether payment of any outstanding salary can be expedited.

PQ68476/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

397. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on the commencement of the next phase of a school building project (details supplied) and preparatory works being undertaken by her Department in this regard.

PQ68529/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

398. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review and increase capacity on the post-primary school transport route serving Burncourt and surrounding areas to schools in Mitchelstown, in view of the significant demand for places and the number of students currently unable to obtain a seat on the service; whether additional capacity will be provided for concessionary passengers on this route; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68518/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

399. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on capitation funding for primary schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68549/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

400. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth If she is aware that the new initiative allowing newly qualified teachers to secure contracts of indefinite duration may disadvantage experienced teachers who have worked continuously for several years but have not yet secured permanent or fixed-term positions; and whether consideration will be given to extending similar opportunities to teachers with several years' service who are currently reliant on substitute work.

PQ68542/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

401. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department would consider a dedicated activity and inclusion grant for special classes participating in the Summer Programme, based on the additional costs associated with providing suitable activities, outings and community-based experiences.

PQ68539/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

402. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide an update to this Deputy in relation to application for an extension for a school building in County Cork (details supplied); whether her Department are using documents from a submission in April 2026 or otherwise; if she will provide a timeline on when the school management can expect a completion of the latest stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68558/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

403. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to significantly increase the capitation funding for schools in the upcoming Budget.

PQ68606/26 | SÉAMUS MCGRATH

404. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige an líon páistí atá ag foghlaim ón mbaile i mbliana; an líon iarratas a rinneadh gach bliain le cúig bliana anuas; an líon iarratas atá comhlíonta, a shonrú i bhfoirm tábla.

PQ68490/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

405. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the position regarding a review or assessment available for a school (details supplied) in relation to their allocation under the home school community liaison; and her views whether the current allocation is sufficient.

PQ68667/26 | BARRY WARD

406. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the estimated full year costs should the basic capitation rate be increased to €310 per pupil.

PQ68650/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

407. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to the financial pressures being experienced by primary schools arising from increases in day-to-day running costs such as heating, electricity, cleaning and insurance; if she will outline the current level of capitation funding available to primary schools; and her plans to increase the primary school capitation grant in Budget 2027.

PQ68651/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

408. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to criticisms in relation to the new leaving cert maths curriculum (details supplied); and if she can outline the work ongoing to address these concerns.

PQ68678/26 | BARRY WARD

409. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the additional funding requirement for the rollout of DEIS plus in 2027; to provide an itemised breakdown of the projected additional costs; and to provide the estimated cost to include a further ten additional primary schools in the DEIS plus scheme.

PQ68679/26 | EOGHAN KENNY

410. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review the status of the proposed building extension at a school (details supplied); the reason this project was omitted from the Department's recently approved list of school building projects, despite having reached the end of Stage 2(b), secured planning permission and been ready to proceed to tender for much of the past year; and to confirm whether she will approve its progression to tender as a matter of urgency.

PQ68699/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

411. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide a county by county breakdown of the number of pupils availing of the school transport scheme for primary, secondary and special schools, in tabular form.

PQ68687/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

412. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if the case of a school (details supplied) seeking a review of its shared Home School Community Liaison allocation has been brought to her attention; if her Department will afford the school an opportunity to present evidence of its current level of need; and if the allocation will be reviewed on that basis

PQ68720/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

413. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the steps being taken to improve the data used to identify schools for the DEIS plus scheme, including the use of administrative data held by other Departments; the timeline for publication of further detail on the identification methodology; and whether schools not included in the scheme in 2026 will be reassessed using the updated model.

PQ68719/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

414. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the formal, alternative infrastructure the State examinations commission is establishing to authenticate additional assessment components of exams for home educated and medically vulnerable candidates, without forcing them to self-source school permissions from schools; the guidance that has been given to schools in cases where a student may have a condition that prevents full, physical attendance at school; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68783/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

415. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mechanism available to a DEIS school to seek a review of its Home School Community Liaison allocation where the school can demonstrate that its existing allocation no longer meets current need; if no such mechanism exists, the means by which a school in that position may seek additional provision; and whether interim arrangements will be considered pending the new DEIS resource allocation model provided for under Action 2.2.2 of the implementation plan.

PQ68718/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

416. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the status of Action 3.1.1 of the DEIS Strategy Implementation Plan 2026–2028, which provides for a review of the allocation model for Home School Community Liaison coordinator posts; the expected completion date; whether schools currently sharing a coordinator post will be consulted; and whether the revised model will allow a school's allocation to be reassessed where its level of need has changed.

PQ68717/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

417. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 65106/26 of 16 September 2026, the rationale for the difference in the level of fuel support provided to private bus operators under the road transporters support scheme and that provided to operators contracted to provide school transport services through Bus Éireann (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68786/26 | EMER CURRIE

418. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 65399/26 whether her Department has carried out or will carry out an assessment of the average cost incurred by families in preparing a child to return to primary and post primary school, including books, devices, voluntary contributions and transport, given that such costs are a matter for her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68782/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

419. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a building project for a school (details supplied) to expand on site facilities which will include a kitchen.

PQ68828/26 | EMER CURRIE

420. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will clarify when a teacher (details supplied) will have their wages rectified; and if her Department will look into this case as a matter of urgency.

PQ68824/26 | ROBERT TROY

421. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide guidance to a parent who cannot secure a school place for their child in their new locality and has exhausted all application possibilities (details supplied); and to outline all options available to the family for assistance, including transport options, if any.

PQ68852/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

422. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth for an update on a matter (details supplied) regarding Budget 2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68553/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

423. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to review an application for school transport for a student (details supplied).

PQ68271/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

424. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the Solar for Schools Programme specifications to facilitate the installation of battery storage in schools, thereby allowing them to retain and use more of the electricity they generate.

PQ68211/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

425. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide an update on the recommencement of a school transport route (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68219/26 | JOHN BRADY

426. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current number of SNA's employed in special class and special school settings; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68903/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

427. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the case of a person (details supplied).

PQ68929/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

428. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to examine the situation at a school (details supplied); the reason school places were offered if the school was not ready to accommodate additional students; and the reason therapists were not allocated to the school.

PQ68925/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

429. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will increase capitation for primary schools to better support them meet rising operational costs in Budget 2027.

PQ68935/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

430. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to provide the staffing ratio for teachers, special needs assistants (SNAs), and therapeutic staff in all newly established special education classes and special schools; and to provide the current actual staffing levels versus these approved ratios in all newly established special education classes and special schools.

PQ68932/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

431. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will review the case of a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on an incremental credit application submitted to her Department; and if she will outline the expected timeframe for processing.

PQ68937/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

432. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the reason a school (details supplied) does not yet have a school principal.

PQ68915/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

433. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will engage with the NCCA / SEC and other appropriate bodies to ensure that american football and other minority sports are designated as approved options within the invasion games category within the official LCPE curriculum as the current specification explicitly lists just six approved physical activities and results in the exclusion of others; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68866/26 | MATT CARTHY

434. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the way in which the State Examinations Commission will authenticate Additional Assessment Components for home educated and medically vulnerable Leaving Certificate candidates; if she will ensure that students who are unable to maintain a full, physical school attendance are not adversely impacted as a result of these Additional Assessment Components which require work completed to be authenticated by a school teacher.

PQ68863/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

435. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils with SEN who had no suitable school place in the last school year; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68899/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

436. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils currently in special schools; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68898/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

437. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils in special classes at second level; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68897/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

438. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of pupils in special classes at primary level; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68896/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

439. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total number of pupils with special educational needs in mainstream primary school classrooms, mainstream secondary school classrooms; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68895/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

440. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the full annual cost of providing one classroom teacher per 20 pupils at second level; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68894/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

441. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the full annual cost of providing one classroom teacher per 19 pupils in primary school; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68893/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

442. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total annual figure for increasing the secondary school capitation grant to €500 per pupil; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68892/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

443. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the total annual figure for increasing the primary school capitation grant to €400 per pupil; and to make a statement on the matter.

PQ68891/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

444. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of teachers who carried out CPD through Oide and the NCSE, respectively; and the mechanism that exists within her Department to monitor the uptake of CPD by teachers

PQ68962/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

445. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has considered making CPD for teachers in the area of SEN mandatory.

PQ68965/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

446. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will extend a post primary school transport route to collect a student (details supplied) who is attending a special class from her house.

PQ68975/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

447. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the current number of special needs assistants employed in mainstream classes, by primary level and second level.

PQ68901/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

448. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais agus Óige cad é an líon páistí i scoileanna speisialta atá ar amchlár laghdaithe; agus cad é an líon páistí atá ar amchlár laghdaithe i scoileanna príomhshrutha.

PQ68686/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

Chun an Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt: To the Culture, Communications and Sport

449. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of vacancies at each grade of higher executive officer and above within his Department as of 18 September 2026, in tabular form.

PQ68046/26 | SORCA CLARKE

450. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the capital and current budget allocation for the Irish Museum of Modern Art, in each of the years 2025 and 2026, in tabular form.

PQ68058/26 | SORCA CLARKE

451. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport what budget was allocated to Ireland's EU Presidency Conference on Online Safety for Children and Young People in Dublin Castle on the 10th and 11th of September organised by the Department as part of Ireland's EU presidency.

PQ68148/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

452. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the budget that was allocated to the EU Presidency Conference on Traditional Sports and Games held on the 22 September 2026.

PQ68158/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

453. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department provides any funding schemes that a walking football club could apply to help purchase walking football goals, footballs, bibs, cones and other training and playing equipment.

PQ68123/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

454. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport his plans to mark the sesquicentenary of the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland as the State Church in 1869.

PQ68223/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

455. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the extent Ireland complies with the EU Digital Networks Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68347/26 | BARRY WARD

456. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline the extent Ireland complies with the European Electronic Communications Code; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68348/26 | BARRY WARD

457. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he has considered proposals seeking additional funding for TG4 in Budget 2027; and the approach being taken by his Department to such proposals in the budgetary process.

PQ68869/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

458.
To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport for an update on the payment of a Sports Capital Grant to a club (details supplied); whether the claims submitted in May 2026 have been fully processed; and when payment will issue.
- PQ68933/26
|
JOHN PAUL O'SHEA
459.
To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the measures introduced since Storm Éowyn to improve the resilience of mobile phone and broadband networks during prolonged power outages.
- PQ68837/26
|
JENNIFER WHITMORE
460.
To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on the Community Sports Facilities Fund; the timeframe for an announcement to be made; and when it will open for applications.
- PQ68943/26
|
CATHY BENNETT
461.
To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the expected timeline for the procurement process to begin for the cell broadcast public warning system CB-PWS; the expected timeline for the system to be fully operational; and the procedures in place in the meantime as we head into the winter months.
- PQ68838/26
|
JENNIFER WHITMORE
462.
To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide an update on the roll-out of the basic income for the arts scheme; the number that applied; how many were eligible; the number that have been accepted; the date on which payments commence; and the number of the participants were participants in the pilot scheme.
- PQ68879/26
|
AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH
463.
To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport If he will clarify whether books and purchases from local bookshops will be eligible under the proposed culture card scheme; if consideration has been given to the role of independent and local bookshops in supporting literacy, culture, community engagement and town centre vitality; and if he is aware of concerns within the bookselling sector regarding recent closures of local bookshops and the challenges facing the industry.
- PQ68889/26
|
SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL
464.
To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if his Department provides any funding schemes that a walking football club could apply to for help purchasing walking football goals, footballs, bibs, cones and other training and playing equipment.
- PQ68124/26
|
LOUIS O'HARA

Chun an Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht: To the Housing, Local Government and Heritage

465.
To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine introducing stronger statutory safeguards for residential property bidding, including requirements to verify the identity and purchasing capacity of bidders, greater transparency and auditability of online bidding platforms, and measures to ensure that advertised guide prices represent a genuine evidence-based estimate of expected selling value; and if he will consider establishing a centralised or independently auditable bidding register to address concerns regarding phantom bids, unverified bidding and significant discrepancies between asking and eventual sale prices.
- PQ68031/26
|
BARRY HENEGHAN
466.
To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the consideration being given to the payment of Housing Assistance Payment to parents or guardians of an adult with a disability, who may own a second property that could be adapted if necessary & lived in by their family member, with appropriately matched additional occupants with a disability, thereby removing them earlier from lengthy Local Authority social housing lists.
- PQ68070/26
|
GILLIAN TOOLE
467.
To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a person (details supplied) will receive the test results and remediation option for dwelling (LK_ES1381) regarding the Defective Concrete Blocks, with testing carried out on 10th December 2025.
- PQ68063/26
|
JOHN PAUL O'SHEA
468.
To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on progress on the Dowth National Park project; when the park masterplan will be published; if there will be a public consultation; and when he expects the park and associated facilities to be open to the public.
- PQ68118/26
|
DARREN O'ROURKE
469.
To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants who have availed of the €24,100 lump sum payment under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme, by year, for a location (details supplied), in tabular form.
- PQ68357/26
|
LOUIS O'HARA
470.
To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants who have availed of the €24,100 lump sum payment under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme, by year, for a location (details supplied), in tabular form.
- PQ68359/26
|
LOUIS O'HARA
471.
To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants who have availed of the €24,100 lump sum payment under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme, by year, for a location (details supplied), in tabular form.
- PQ68358/26
|
LOUIS O'HARA
472.
To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the national planning statement on solar energy under the new Planning and Development Act 2024; and when he expects the statement will be ready to be published.
- PQ68431/26
|
MAIRÉAD FARRELL

473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the funding in 2026 for the rightsizing element of the Social Housing Acquisitions Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68590/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

474. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that the application of SI 612/2024 is leaving some elderly people unable to access grants for much needed adaptation where the income of all siblings is considered when only one sibling lives in the dwelling requiring adaptation; if he can advise of any supports that are available to a person who has had a grant for much needed adaptation refused because of the income of siblings who do not reside in or contribute to the house; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68599/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

475. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the ways a family member solely residing in a family home owned by elderly people can prove that their other siblings make no financial contributions (details supplied); if being able to prove this for the assessment process would mean accessing a grant for adaptation, if means allow; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68596/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

476. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the statutory review of the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Act 2022 currently being undertaken under Section 51 of the Act; the names, qualifications, and specific terms of appointment of external experts or consultants who have been engaged to assist his Department with this review; the specific terms of reference provided to these external experts; and the estimated timeline for the completion of their findings.

PQ68657/26 | CHARLES WARD

477. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement has he and his Department had with Dublin City Council to find a way to facilitate the community indoor market in the eight building in Dublin 8 that was part of the planning permission as a ground-level market hall.

PQ68638/26 | JEN CUMMINS

478. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which communities will be informed, in an emergency situation, of where to find their nearest community support centre and local centres set up to provide support in the event of extreme weather emergencies.

PQ68845/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

479. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that has been allocated to the Community Support Centre programme, that is local centres set up to provide support in the event of extreme weather emergencies since the publication of the Review of storm Éowyn.

PQ68844/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

480. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the 400 planned Community Support Centres, local centres set up to provide support in the event of extreme weather emergencies, that have been fitted with generator connections.

PQ68843/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason local authorities with limited resources, that serve economically disadvantaged counties, such as Donegal County Council, are expected to co-fund multi-million capital projects, funded by central Government to the same level as all other local authorities.

PQ68037/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will undertake a review of existing and operational solar farm developments to assess their impacts with a view to informing the development of updated national planning guidelines for solar energy projects.

PQ68112/26 | SEÁN KYNE

483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a county-by-county breakdown of community support centres and local centres set up to provide support in the event of extreme weather emergencies, categorised by those planned, those under development, and those operational.

PQ68842/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage following the review of Storm Éowyn, the coastal communities that have been identified as being at significant risk from storm surge, coastal flooding and coastal erosion.

PQ68833/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions taken since January 2026 to implement the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Climate, Environment and Energy regarding enhanced planning and investment for coastal resilience measures; and if he will provide a progress update on each action.

PQ68831/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the assessments undertaken of critical water infrastructure vulnerabilities that were identified during Storm Éowyn; and the actions taken in response.

PQ68836/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person who qualifies for the State Pension and continues to provide full-time care is only entitled to a half-rate carer's allowance; and whether this arrangement will be reviewed, given that their caring responsibilities have not changed.

PQ68035/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for jobseeker's allowance and jobseeker's benefit that were refused at first decision in each of the past ten calendar years; the number of those refusals that were subsequently revised or overturned on review or appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68102/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to review the case of a person (details supplied).

PQ68064/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost in 2027 if the child support programme for children aged under 12 years-of-age was increased to €64 per week and increased to €93 per week for children aged over 12 years-of-age.

PQ68061/26 | SORCA CLARKE

491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the factors taken into account in determining child benefit entitlement in cases involving a shared-care arrangement; the basis on which an assessment of care arrangements can be revised following Social Welfare Inspector findings; the methodology used to assess the proportion of care provided by each parent; and the procedures in place to ensure both parties have an opportunity to provide relevant information before a determination is made.

PQ68084/26 | SEÁN KYNE

492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare claims that have been detected through data matching with Revenue before any payment was issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68111/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the outstanding social welfare overpayment owed to his Department for each of the past ten years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68110/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients who have never had a recorded PRSI contribution but receive means-tested payments.

PQ68108/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare claims that have been detected through data matching with Revenue before any payment was issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68122/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total gross annual Exchequer expenditure on social welfare payments in each of the past ten calendar years; the expenditure attributable to each social welfare scheme, including pensions, working-age income supports, disability payments, illness-related payments, family supports, carers' payments, child-related payments, and supplementary welfare schemes, in tabular form.

PQ68106/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients who exited jobseeker's allowance and jobseeker's benefit in each of the past ten calendar years, by reason for the cessation of payment, including transfer to another social welfare scheme, entry into employment, failure to satisfy the qualifying conditions, voluntary closure of the claim, emigration, death, and any other recorded reason, in tabular form.

PQ68105/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of jobseeker's allowance and jobseeker's benefit, who transferred to another social welfare payment in each of the past ten calendar years; the scheme to which they transferred in each case (including disability allowance, invalidity pension, illness benefit, State Pension (Contributory), State Pension (Non-Contributory), one-parent family payment, carer's allowance, carer's benefit, working family payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68104/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of fraud investigations which originate from anonymous reports compared with internal data analytics; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68126/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale behind the new DEY guidelines, whereby uneaten food supplies under the hot lunch scheme will not be sent home with the children at the end of the day (details supplied).

PQ68137/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to expedite a Domiciliary Care Allowance application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68237/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to expedite a domiciliary care allowance transfer application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68234/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on engagements between Mid-West Mental Health services and Tipperary Employability to source backfill for the Employability Individual Placement and Support post in North Tipperary MH services.

PQ68172/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) who has appealed a disability allowance decision will receive an update on the decision.

PQ68192/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to comment on the number of carer's allowance applications that have been rejected from 2023; the number of appeals that were successful; and to outline the appeals process.

PQ68345/26 | MARK WARD

506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to comment on the number of disability allowance applications that have been rejected from 2023; the number of appeals that were successful; and to outline the appeal process.

PQ68346/26 | MARK WARD

507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his views on the number of domiciliary care allowance applications that have been rejected from 2023; the number of appeals that were successful; and to outline the appeal process.

PQ68342/26 | MARK WARD

508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of international protection applicants who had reckonable earnings, and made PRSI contributions in each of the years since 2020, according to the Revenue Commissioners and his Departments records.

PQ68310/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to list the companies contracted to provide school meals under the scheme and to provide details of the sources of beef and chicken used by each supplier.

PQ68509/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details of how beef and chicken products supplied under the School Meals Programme are transported and delivered, including whether products are imported pre-cooked, frozen or chilled; whether they are delivered to schools frozen, chilled or ready-to-eat; and the processes involved in their preparation prior to consumption by pupils.

PQ68508/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the traceability arrangements in place for such products, including the country in which the meat is reared, slaughtered, processed and packaged.

PQ68507/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details of the source and provenance of food ingredients supplied under the School Meals Programme; specifically the country of origin and supply chain for all beef and chicken products provided to schools under the scheme.

PQ68506/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he is aware that the new methodology to calculate pension payments for those who turned 65 in March of 2025 is resulting in a constituent (details supplied) receiving €10 less per week; if he is aware of the hardship this is incurring on this constituent and people in her same situation; and if he will consider re-adjusting payments for people who are worse off under this new model to maintain parity with previous years.

PQ68556/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which a person (details supplied) can access social protection payments; the specific supports are in place to assist; the way he can access this without recourse to the courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68554/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of WTE staff in his Department, by grade that are processing new applications for State pension (contributory) and disability allowance respectively, in tabular form.

PQ68649/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the introduction of pay-related parent's benefit; and when the public consultation will be issued.

PQ68671/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of previously unsuccessful applicants for Carer's Allowance who have subsequently reapplied and qualified under the new thresholds, since 2020.

PQ68703/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will ensure that the design of the Cost of Disability payment recognises the additional transport and service-access costs experienced by people with disabilities living in rural areas, such as County Meath.

PQ68702/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the anticipated timeline for the design, eligibility criteria and implementation of the Cost of Disability payment.

PQ68701/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on the development of the proposed Cost of Disability Support Payment, following the public consultation and Strategic Focus Network Summit held earlier this year.

PQ68700/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 65399/26 of 16 September 2026, which compared the back to school clothing and footwear allowance against uniform costs alone, whether his Department has assessed the cost of school footwear, sports clothing and other required clothing alongside uniforms; the basis for the conclusion that the allowance compares favourably, given that it is intended to cover both clothing and footwear; and whether an increase in the rates will be considered in Budget 2027.

PQ68781/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has or is considering reducing employer PRSI in retail to help combat the cost of business increases.

PQ68095/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for a report on the work of the interdepartmental working group on a non-binary gender; and when the report will be published.

PQ68912/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will consider allowing family carers who are aged over 66 years and are in receipt of a State Pension to receive the full-rate carers acknowledging the care they provide is the same as care provided by a carer younger than them and supporting them as they age to keep their loved one at home, significantly saving the State; and if he will advise the cost to implement this for current recipients.

PQ68882/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the comprehensive review of means testing within the social protection system commenced; the current status of that review, when the Minister expects the review to be completed and its findings published; and the reason for the length of time taken to complete the review.

PQ68968/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of people in receipt of domiciliary care allowance, by county, for each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ68951/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

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

527. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether Stamp 0 residence accumulated prior to the commencement of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2026 will continue to be recognised as reckonable residence for naturalisation purposes; and whether transitional protections will apply to existing Stamp 0 residents.

PQ68032/26 | EAMON SCANLON

528. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of each category of firearm training course that was held in either Garda headquarters or Garda training course in the years of 2025 and to date in 2026; and the name of each course and the duration of each course, in tabular form.

PQ68057/26 | SORCA CLARKE

529. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of motorcycle instructor posts currently filled in both Garda headquarters and Garda training college; and the number of vacancies currently in both locations, in tabular form.

PQ68055/26 | SORCA CLARKE

530. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the visa appeal for a student accepted on the Ireland Palestine Scholarship Programme will be decided.

PQ68066/26 | THOMAS GOULD

531. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he plans to reintroduce or extend the travel and employers notices regarding renewal IRP applications; and if delays remain in the system.

PQ68065/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

532. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the formal consultations has Cuan undertaken directly with victims and survivors of domestic violence; the number of victims and survivors participated; and the specific policy or service changes resulted from any consultations that have taken place.

PQ68082/26 | GARY GANNON

533. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the services funded or overseen by Cuan that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and what arrangements are available to a victim requiring immediate specialist domestic violence assistance during the night or at weekends.

PQ68081/26 | GARY GANNON

534. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total budget for Cuan's in each year since its establishment, in tabular form; and the amount of that expenditure that went directly to frontline services for victims and survivors.

PQ68080/26 | GARY GANNON

535. 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 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.

PQ68077/26 | GARY GANNON

536. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the position regarding the implementation or review of the 38 recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Assisted Dying (details supplied).

PQ68100/26 | BARRY WARD

537. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify if online prize-competition operators marketing to Irish consumers are required to comply with Irish gambling legislation when they are registered in other jurisdictions such as the United Kingdom.

PQ68098/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

538. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he or his Department have considered amending the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 due to regulatory gaps in respect of online prize competitions, which target consumers through social media platforms operating in the State, whilst being registered for business purposes outside of the State.

PQ68097/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

539. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland (GRAI) has guidelines setting out what constitutes a sufficient skill element for competition to fall outside the definition of a regulated game or lottery.

PQ68096/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

540. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the inclusion of a skill-based question is sufficient in itself, to place an online paid-entry prize competition outside the licensing requirements of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024.

PQ68094/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

541. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he and his Department are satisfied that the current Gambling Regulation Act 2024 adequately covers online prize-competition companies (details supplied) who are registered in other jurisdictions and operate in the State on a charge per entry basis, to use a skill-based question and subsequently select winners by random draw.

PQ68093/26 | PAUL MCAULIFFE

542. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether he is aware of the number of petrol bombings in Cork in recent months; and the action he intends to take.

PQ68130/26 | THOMAS GOULD

543. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if the Government will consider protecting, either fully or partially, Temporary Protection Residence accumulated before the commencement of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2026.

PQ68270/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

544. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current statutory basis for treating residents under Temporary Protection as non-reckonable, given the proposed amendment to section 16A and the wording in the general scheme that it will move Temporary Protection time from being reckonable residence.

PQ68268/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

545. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the budget that was allocated to the Digitalisation of Justice Conference being organised by his Department as part of Ireland's EU presidency.

PQ68162/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

546. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether any arrangements exist between the Department and the Protected Disclosures Commissioner whereby information concerning systemic governance failures identified through protected disclosures may be notified to the Department while preserving the confidentiality requirements of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014.

PQ68153/26 | GARY GANNON

547. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the procedures in place prior to 1 January 2023 for the assessment and follow-up of protected disclosures made directly to the Minister under section 8 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014; the procedures currently in place following commencement of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022; and the extent to which information arising from protected disclosures continues to inform the Department's exercise of governance and oversight functions in respect of bodies under the Minister's aegis.

PQ68141/26 | GARY GANNON

548. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of submissions received by the Garda Protected Disclosures Unit since it was established; the total number of submissions that were assessed as protected disclosures; the total number of protected disclosures that were upheld; and the total number of upheld protected disclosures that lead to recommendations being issued.

PQ68180/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

549. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason he ruled out mediation in the criminal legal aid dispute on the basis of ongoing judicial review proceedings, given that mediation can take place alongside court proceedings.

PQ68175/26 | MATT CATHY

550. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of residents of International Protection Accommodation Service IPAS accommodation who have been victims of fatal violent incidents while residing in such accommodation since 2015; the number of incidents in each centre.

PQ68317/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

551. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of deaths of residents in International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) accommodation that were recorded as homicides, suspected homicides, murders, manslaughters or deaths arising from criminal acts since 2015 and the location and date of each incident.

PQ68321/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

552. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the research, analysis or comparative assessment was undertaken by his Department in determining that the qualifying period of reckonable residence for naturalisation should be increased from five years to eight years; and if an assessment was carried out of the potential impact of this change on persons already lawfully resident in the State.

PQ68191/26 | PA DALY

553. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of residents accommodated in International Protection Accommodation Service centres who have died as a result of homicide or murder while residing in State-provided international protection accommodation; and to provide a breakdown by year, accommodation centre, age, sex and nationality of the deceased.

PQ68323/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

554. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the evidence base for raising the marriage/civil partnership residency requirement from three years to five, separately from the general increase in reckonable residence from five to eight.

PQ68181/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

555. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the projects that have received funding under the Ireland Against Racism Fund in each year since 2023, including the name of each recipient organisation; the amount awarded; the purpose of the project; the county or counties in which it operates and the amount actually drawn down to date; the mechanisms in place to assess the effectiveness and outcomes of projects supported by the €3.9 million allocated under the fund, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68360/26 | MATT CARTHY

556. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the expenditure to date on the implementation of the National Action Plan Against Racism, by year, department or agency and programme; the measurable outcomes that have been achieved to date; whether a formal evaluation of the plan has been undertaken or is planned, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68363/26 | MATT CARTHY

557. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the operational implementation of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024; the sections of the Act that remain to be commenced; the number of licence applications received, determined and outstanding by the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland to date, by licence type; the current staffing complement of the Authority against its approved staffing complement; the further regulations expected to be made in respect of licensing and associated fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68367/26 | MATT CARTHY

558. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration given the disruption resulting from the criminal legal aid dispute, if he will now enter into direct negotiations with the representative bodies concerned or agree to independent mediation; the specific outstanding issues which, in his view, prevent resolution of the dispute; the steps he will take to ensure that access to legal representation and the rights of defendants and victims are protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68368/26 | MATT CARTHY

559. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure on accommodation contracts for IPAS centres in each of the past ten years; and the estimated proportion attributable to security services.

PQ68388/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

560. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether accommodation providers are required to disclose security expenditure as part of their contracts with the State; and, if not, whether he intends to introduce such a requirement.

PQ68387/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

561. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason security expenditure at a centre (details supplied) increased to €1.3 million in 2025 despite the centre being unoccupied; and if he will provide a breakdown of staffing, guarding hours and other security costs.

PQ68386/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

562. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the names of the security providers currently engaged at River Lodge, Newtownmountkennedy and the Midlands Accommodation Centre, Lissywollen; and the procurement process used to appoint those providers and the value and duration of each contract.

PQ68385/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

563. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current average and median processing time for applications for grants of probate, broken down by solicitor applications, personal applications, online applications and paper applications, and by the Dublin probate office and each district probate registry.

PQ68395/26 | GRACE BOLAND

564. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of applications for grants of representation currently awaiting processing, broken down by the Dublin probate office and each district probate registry; the number that have been awaiting processing for more than four, eight, twelve and sixteen weeks; and the measures being taken to reduce waiting times.

PQ68396/26 | GRACE BOLAND

565. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 806 of 16 September 2026, (details supplied), to identify the statutory, delegated, assigned or administrative basis for that vesting in respect of prison-grade staff; the date it took effect;

whether the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation or its predecessor was involved; and the instrument or record evidencing that authority.

PQ68380/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

566. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Courts Service is examining the use of artificial intelligence, automation or other digital technologies in the processing of probate applications to reduce administrative workload, identify incomplete or erroneous applications and improve processing times and increase efficiency; if so, the areas in which such technologies are being considered; and the anticipated timeline for their introduction.

PQ68401/26 | GRACE BOLAND

567. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether the Courts Service has established target processing times for probate applications; the current performance against those targets; and the further reforms that are planned to reduce the time taken from receipt of a complete application to the issuing of a grant.

PQ68403/26 | GRACE BOLAND

568. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the declaration-of-interest and conflict-of-interest safeguards that apply where an officeholder is professionally involved in anti-racism training and consultancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68435/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

569. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of visa applications received from Palestinian students seeking to undertake third-level education in the State in 2025 and to date in 2026; the number approved, refused and awaiting decision; the number relating to applicants awarded fully-funded scholarships by Irish higher-education institutions; the principal grounds for refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68376/26 | MATT CARTHY

570. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of persons subject to deportation orders currently in the State; the number of deportation orders signed, enforced and outstanding in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of persons who have availed of voluntary return in each year; the average cost of an enforced return compared with a voluntary return; the measures being taken to increase the proportion of persons without permission to remain who leave through voluntary return, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68374/26 | MATT CARTHY

571. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total expenditure on charter deportation flights in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by individual operation, destination, number of persons returned and cost per person; the expenditure on Garda escorts, medical personnel, interpreters and independent human rights observers associated with each operation where these costs are additional to the aircraft charter cost; the criteria used to determine when a charter flight rather than scheduled commercial services will be used, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68373/26 | MATT CARTHY

572. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has reviewed the entirety of the full Deep Table discussion episode on 6th August 2026, before concluding that the remarks made by an individual (details supplied) were made in a personal capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68432/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

573. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the impact to date of the introduction of online probate applications through the Courts Portal on processing times, error rates and staff workload; the proportion of eligible applications now being submitted online; and the timeline for extending online applications to intestacy cases and personal applicants.

PQ68399/26 | GRACE BOLAND

574. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current staffing complement of the Probate Office and District Probate Registries; the number of vacancies in each; whether the Courts Service has assessed whether existing staffing levels are sufficient to meet current and projected demand; and whether additional resources will be provided where required.

PQ68398/26 | GRACE BOLAND

575. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if comments (details supplied) are considered compatible with the responsibilities of an office; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68434/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

576. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his views on the way in which the protected disclosures process has been carried out in An Garda Síochána over the past ten years.

PQ68416/26 | ALAN KELLY

577. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the significant backlog in processing of join family visas at the Abu Dhabi office; whether measures are being taken to address it, particularly for spouses of Irish citizens; whether his Department recognises the impact that delays approaching two years is having on Irish citizens and their spouses; and whether a temporary visit mechanism can be made available to Irish citizens while their family members await these long-stay decisions.

PQ68417/26 | EOIN HAYES

578. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide a full and itemised list of all land, property and buildings owned or otherwise held by his Department and by each body and agency under the aegis of his Department in Cork city and in Cork county; the location; a description of the land or property; the current use; the floor area or acreage as appropriate; the manner in which it is held (whether owned, leased or otherwise); the body or agency responsible for it; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68475/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

579. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of the difficulties being experienced by a person (details supplied) in renewing their Stamp 4 permission through the Immigration Online Portal; if he will examine the circumstances whereby the persons renewal application was refused due to non-payment despite no payment option being available following submission of requested documentation; and if he will outline the steps required to regularise their immigration permission and have the matter resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68486/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

580. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to clarify if a person (details supplied) who is currently on a stamp 4 visa, can apply for citizenship; to clarify the steps to take if the current stamp 4 visa expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68483/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

581. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to PQ68181/26, if consideration was given to the effect of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2026 on Irish citizens themselves — not just on the foreign-national spouse — of retroactively extending the timeline for their own husband, wife, or partner to become a citizen of this country.

PQ68182/26 | CIARÁN AHERN

582. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he will provide an update on citizenship applications (details supplied).

PQ68494/26 | ROBERT TROY

583. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration when the online portal for uploading evidence of road traffic offences will be in place.

PQ68513/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

584. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of an application for permission to remain in the State as the spouse of an Irish citizen and parent of Irish citizen children (details supplied); if he will confirm that the application has been received, processed, and assigned an application reference number; if he will confirm that the applicant is permitted to remain legally in the State while a decision is pending; if he will prioritise this case given the imminent expiry of the applicant's current permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68534/26 | CATHAL CROWE

585. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 516 of 14 July 2026, the legal and policy basis for granting Stamp 3 rather than Stamp 1G to spouses and partners of Stamp 4 holders under the Turkish Association Agreement; whether this represents a change from previous policy or practice; the way in which the employment restriction attached to Stamp 3 is reconciled (details supplied); the procedure and immigration permission available to enable such rights to be exercised once acquired; and the way in which the current arrangements are considered compatible with Ireland's obligations.

PQ68561/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

586. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the percentage of the Garda motorcycle fleet that also have off-road capabilities.

PQ68642/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

587. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of pending criminal prosecutions in County Tipperary in which drugs seized have been submitted for forensic analysis; the number of prosecutions in County Tipperary that have been delayed, adjourned, withdrawn, struck out, or otherwise affected due to delays in obtaining forensic drug analysis reports in each of the past five years and to date in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68669/26 | MICHAEL LOWRY

588. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if consideration will be given to the circumstances of a person (details supplied) currently awaiting an oral hearing before the International Protection Appeals Tribunal following a negative decision on a subsequent application for International Protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68621/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

589. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of alcohol test purchases that Gardai within Clare-Tipperary division carried out on pubs, clubs and restaurants to ensure full compliance with alcohol licensing regulations in the years of 2025 and to-date in 2026; and the number of premises checked the number that were found in breach of alcohol licensing regulations in each of the years in question, in tabular form.

PQ68643/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

590. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration Further to PQ64808/26 and PQ64809/26 of 16 September 2026, in which the Minister stated that officials have been asked to examine whether the confidentiality provisions of the International Protection Acts 2015 and 2026 can be clarified or amended, the date on which that examination was commissioned; its terms of reference; whether any paper, submission or assessment has been prepared to date; whether the Attorney General has been consulted; the date by which it is expected to conclude; and whether its outcome will be published.

PQ68776/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

591. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department will a prepare an impact assessment and transition plan to support licensed shotgun owners in Ireland who will be impacted by the recent EU decision to phase out the use of lead in ammunition.

PQ68713/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

592. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide the totals paid out in expenses for solicitors on the free legal aid scheme, for each of the past ten years, to date; and to provide a breakdown provided of those expenses into categories of expenses as applicable such as travel expenses/mileage, subsistence and incidentals.

PQ68740/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

593. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of accommodation centres contracted by the State for the provision of accommodation to International Protection applicants that, on 31 December of each year from 2021 to 2025 inclusive, had no residents accommodated in the centre; the name and location of each such centre; the value of the contract in place for each centre; and the amount paid by the State in respect of each such contract in each year concerned.

PQ68742/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

594. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the twenty accommodation providers that received the highest payments under IPAS contracts in 2025; the amount paid to each provider; the number of centres operated by each provider; and the county location of each centre.

PQ68747/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

595. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether his Department holds a breakdown of accommodation costs and security costs for IPAS centres; if so, the breakdown; and if not, the reason expenditure is not separately recorded.

PQ68746/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

596. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount paid by the State to each IPAS accommodation centre in 2025, broken down by centre name, county and accommodation provider.

PQ68745/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

597. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the name, county, operator and accommodation provider of each centre currently under contract with the International Protection Accommodation Service; the maximum annual contract value of each contract; and the amount paid to each provider in each of the past five years, in tabular form.

PQ68744/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

598. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total amount expended by the State on contracts for accommodation centres used by the International Protection Accommodation Service that had no residents in occupation for periods exceeding three months in each of the past five years; and if he will provide a breakdown by centre and county.

PQ68743/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

599. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether discussions have taken place, or are planned, between An Garda Síochána, Government Departments, the HSE, disability representative organisations and family advocacy groups regarding the potential development of a national rapid public notification system for vulnerable missing persons; and the current status of any such discussions.

PQ68822/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

600. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 64811/26 of 16 September 2026, which stated that the Garda National Immigration Bureau has reviewed a substantial sample of cases and that a very significant proportion of the individuals concerned have departed the State; the number of cases in that sample; the period covered; the number and percentage confirmed as having departed; the number confirmed as remaining in the State; the number whose whereabouts could not be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68771/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

601. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 64815/26 of 16 September 2026, which did not address the question asked, whether the gap between deportation orders signed and deportations confirmed has been assessed for inclusion on the Department's Corporate Risk Register; to state yes or no; if assessed and not included, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68770/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

602. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of IPAS accommodation centres in each county as of 1 September 2026; the maximum contracted capacity of each centre; the current occupancy of each centre; and the accommodation provider operating each facility.

PQ68748/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

603. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 65390/26 of 16 September 2026 (details supplied), the specific measures in place or planned to reduce the average period of 56 to 57 days between the completion of a custodial sentence and the enforcement of a removal or deportation order; the reason for the increase in persons released from custody prior to removal from 18 in 2025 to 41 in 2026 up to 4 September; the number of those 41 persons since removed; and the number whose whereabouts are unknown.

PQ68773/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

604. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration further to Parliamentary Question No. 65832/26 of 16 September 2026, (details supplied) the number of notices of intention to revoke a certificate of naturalisation issued since 7 April 2025; the number of Committees of Inquiry requested and appointed; the number of Committee decisions affirming or setting aside his decision, noting that aggregate figures do not disclose individual cases or operational processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68775/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

605. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration his proposals to prevent retail crime.

PQ68942/26 | CATHY BENNETT

606. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration for an update on the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of persons (details supplied); and when the applications are expected to be finalised.

PQ68870/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

607. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his attention has been drawn to the increasing number of cyber-attacks carried out by artificial intelligence models; the preventative measures he is taking to protect Irish people's data, Irish companies and public services from such attacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68800/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

Chun an Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Agriculture, Food and the Marine

608. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether the expansion of TAMS farm solar grants is being examined to assist reduce agricultural & horticultural cost bases, thereby reducing the cost of food production consumer costs.

PQ68074/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

609. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid under the forgotten farmers scheme to date.

PQ68107/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

610. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that have benefitted from the forgotten farmer scheme to date; and the number and amounts paid by county.

PQ68103/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

611. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to ensuring that small and part-time farmers who have incurred fertiliser costs can access the payment under the EU emergency fertiliser package; and if he will ensure that the scheme provides equitable support across farms of different sizes.

PQ68213/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

612. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the €15.4 million EU emergency fertiliser package will be made available to farmers; if he will confirm whether additional Government funding will be provided under Budget 2027 to supplement this allocation; and the proposed eligibility criteria and minimum payment thresholds under the scheme.

PQ68212/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

613. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a breakdown of the number of forestry owners including companies/corporations that have forestry holding of less than five hectares, between five and ten hectares, between ten and 15 hectares, between 15 and 20 hectares; and the number that have more than 20 hectares.

PQ68461/26 | MARTIN KENNY

614. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide a breakdown of the number of forests that are owned by companies / corporations; and the number that are owned by individuals.

PQ68472/26 | MARTIN KENNY

615. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine for a breakdown of the number of individuals and companies/corporations that are in receipt of premiums of less than €5000, between €5000 and €10000, between €10000 and €15000 between €15000 and €20000 and over €20000 per annum.

PQ68474/26 | MARTIN KENNY

616. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on funding secured for the proposed upgrade of the crane at Kilmackilloge, County Kerry; and the amount of funding allocated and the source of the funding.

PQ68578/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

617. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the target payment date operated by his Department for each CAP-supported scheme, including BISS, CRISS, Eco-Scheme, ANC, ACRES and TAMS, this year and in each of the last five years; the percentage of applicants paid by the target date in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68618/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

618. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding his Department's input into the regulatory framework governing the biomethane sector in Ireland; to outline the actions his Department is responsible for within that framework; and to provide an update on its progress.

PQ68685/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

619. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason unsuccessful applicants under the fuel income support scheme are not currently being notified that their applications were unsuccessful; and if these applicants will be notified at a later date.

PQ68692/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

620. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine whether his Department has undertaken any assessment of the impact of delays in processing grant applications on project costs arising from inflation, contractor availability and material price increases; whether any such analysis has been carried out in relation to TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68620/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

621. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in ACRES who experienced delays in receiving payments in each of the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of participants awaiting payment for more than four weeks, eight weeks, 12 weeks and 24 weeks beyond the scheduled payment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68613/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

622. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants under BISS, CRISS and Eco-Scheme who had not received their full scheme payment within four, eight, 12 and 24 weeks of the commencement of payments in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the value of payments outstanding at those dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68611/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

623. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the longest, shortest and average processing time recorded for approved TAMS applications in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the reasons for significant delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68609/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

624. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average time taken to process and determine applications under TAMS in each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of applications in each year that took longer than 12 weeks, 24 weeks, 36 weeks and 52 weeks respectively to determine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68607/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

625. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the top ten countries by volume and value from which Ireland imports Turkish products in 2025 and for the first half of 2026; and the quantity from each country, in tabular form.

PQ68645/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

626. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the number of horses exported for slaughter to date.

PQ68731/26 | PAUL MURPHY

627. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to provide the number of thoroughbreds rehomed through Treo Eile and the Irish horse welfare trust in 2026.

PQ68732/26 | PAUL MURPHY

628. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the breakdown of facilities, that is, toilets, eating areas with benches, caravan parking, showers and so on, in each of the Coillte managed forests.

PQ68941/26 | CATHY BENNETT

629. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to give a detailed report in relation to the action being taken to tackle the ever increasing number of accidents involving deer on public roads; if he will expedite the introduction of preventive measures before a fatality occurs or a member of the public is seriously injured; to provide a detailed progress report on the implementation of the Deer Management Strategy Report; and will he make a statement on the matter.

PQ68900/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

Chun an Leanaí, Míchumais agus Comhionannais: To the Children, Disability and Equality

630. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality what supports are currently available through the HSE for families of children who are at significant risk of wandering or absconding, including access to suitable locating technology; whether the Government would consider developing a national framework to support access to such technology for appropriately identified vulnerable children; whether the Minister would be willing to meet with representatives of autistic families to hear directly about these concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68043/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

631. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current status of the Programme for Government commitment to bring home-based childcare within a regulated and grant-accessible framework.

PQ68073/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

632. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 56219/26, with regards to staffing in North Tipperary CDNT and the recent unsuccessful basic grade social worker post campaign, if an interest was expressed in the post; and when a new campaign will be launched.

PQ68135/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

633. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to PQ56219/26, with regards to staffing in North Tipperary CDNT and the unsuccessful campaigns for 2 Senior Psychologist posts and 1 Basic Grade Psychologist posts, which have all been vacant over 12 months; if any interest was received for any of these posts during their respective campaigns; if any panels were established; if any of these posts were offered; if any were accepted; if the HSE has any insight as to why repeated campaigns have been unsuccessful and if any alterations were made to said posts to address same.

PQ68138/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

634. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to PQ56219/26 and staffing in North Tipperary CDNT, for an update on the repurposing of a currently vacant psychologist post into an early interventionist post.

PQ68147/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

635. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality clarify the amount of funding that has not been paid to early years educators as a result of the delay in implementing the Employment Regulation Order; what will happen to these unspent funds; whether they will return to the Exchequer or remain within the Department's budget; and whether the Minister will commit to using any such funding to support early years educators and address the financial pressures facing the sector.

PQ68144/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

636. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 56219/26 regarding staffing in North Tipperary CDNT and the unsuccessful campaigns for the Senior Social Worker 0.8 WTE post, when will a new campaign will be launched

PQ68143/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

637. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown of early years providers that are not in receipt of core funding, disaggregated by urban and rural location, and, where available, by county or province; and to set out the number of children and families affected in each area and where the impact of the lack of core funding is being felt most acutely by parents and families, including any regional or geographic patterns identified by the Department.

PQ68140/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

638. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 2830 of 28 July 2026 with regards to staffing in North Tipperary CDNT, for an update on recruitment efforts in relation to the new CDNT development, senior physiotherapist post.

PQ68139/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

639. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will examine concerns raised by an early years provider (details supplied) regarding the new one-per-room restriction on AIM level seven maintenance of reduced ratio arrangements; and to clarify the policy and evidence-based rationale for the change and its operation in respect of existing AIM allocations.

PQ68169/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

640. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality with regards to recruitment efforts in Cashel CDNT, for an update on the Senior Occupational Therapist campaign, has a panel been established; if any offers have issued; if so, have any been accepted.

PQ68334/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

641. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality with regards to Cashel CDNT, for an update on recruitment efforts for the Senior Occupational Therapist Basic Grade post.

PQ68335/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

642. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality with regards to recruitment efforts in Cashel CDNT, for an update on the Senior Psychologist campaigns (WTE 1 & WTE 0.50), have panels been established; if any offers have issued; if so, have any been accepted.

PQ68331/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

643. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality with regards to recruitment efforts in Cashel CDNT, for an update on the Senior Physiotherapist campaigns (WTE 1 & WTE 0.40), have panels been established; if any offers have issued; if so, have any been accepted.

PQ68330/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

644. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality has she engaged with the staff or union (details supplied) regarding a number of staff that have been put on leave by management due to them disagreeing with changed work practices; and the reason the decision was made for security personnel to be deployed at the campus.

PQ68186/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

645. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of places currently operational at an organisation (details supplied); the number of places unavailable due to staffing shortages; and the number of children awaiting a special-care placement.

PQ68185/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

646. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the status of the second report on the operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 pursuant to Section 10 of that Act; when the report was received from the National Disability Authority; the reasons for any delay in its publication; the expected timeframe for publication of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68351/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

647. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when service users attending occupational therapy or speech and language therapy in North Tipperary CDNT, if efforts are made to ensure the service users are seen by the same therapist, to ensure continuity of care and to allow for the establishment and maintenance of a relationship between the therapist and service user.

PQ68315/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

648. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when service users are attending occupational therapy or speech and language therapy in Cashel CDNT, if efforts are made to ensure the service users are seen by the same therapist, to ensure continuity of care and to allow for the establishment and maintenance of a relationship between the therapist and service user.

PQ68314/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

649. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps being taken to address the critical waiting lists for occupational therapy and psychology services in County Longford; if she is aware of the case of a child (details supplied) who has been on waiting lists for both services for almost two years; if interim emergency intervention, access to a speech and language therapist, or Cross-Border/National Treatment Purchase funding for private assessments will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68311/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

650. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of staff positions currently filled in North Tipperary CDNT; and the length of time each position has been filled.

PQ68308/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

651. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the position regarding the engagement she has had with the Before We Die campaign in relation to the funding and delivery of residential places for adults with intellectual disability and what progress has been made in this regard.

PQ68326/26 | BARRY WARD

652. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of staff positions currently filled in Cashel CDNT; and the length of time each position has been filled.

PQ68307/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

653. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide a breakdown of staff vacancies in Cashel CDNT; the length of time each of these vacancies has been in existence; the length of time recruitment has been ongoing; and to provide an update on recruitment efforts for each of the posts.

PQ68304/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

654. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details regarding any audit or quality control applied to a company (details supplied) for any work carried out on behalf of her Department or any of her Department's agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68560/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

655. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of a company (details supplied); if they currently provide services to her department of any of her Department's agencies; if any departmental funding is paid to this company; the value of these contracts for the three years to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68559/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

656. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the steps the HSE are taking to provide additional respite capacity in county Clare.

PQ68654/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

657. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if the national childcare scheme attendance and under attendance provisions are currently under review; whether greater flexibility is being considered for working families whose childcare needs remain unchanged but whose children may occasionally attend fewer hours due to family circumstances, extracurricular activities or parental leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68677/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

658. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has plans to extend statutory paid paternity leave beyond the current entitlement; and if any review or consultation will take place in relation to same.

PQ68675/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

659. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the engagement her Department has had with the Office of the Attorney General regarding the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol of the UNCRC; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68674/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

660. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality for an update on the timeline and process for her Department's commitment to ratifying the second optional protocol of the UNCRC; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68672/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

661. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether the NCS attendance and under-attendance are currently being reviewed (details supplied).

PQ68698/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

662. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality If Tusla will consider seeking an interim care order or any other appropriate protective measures in respect of children (details supplied).

PQ68661/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

663. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications for an assessment of need in county Cavan that are awaiting completion, in tabular form; the number therein that have exceeded the statutory timeframe for completion; the number that are overdue by less than three months, three to six months, six to twelve months, twelve to twenty-four months and more than twenty-four months, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68725/26 | MATT CARTHY

664. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications for an assessment of need in county Monaghan that are awaiting completion, in tabular form; the number therein that have exceeded the statutory timeframe for completion; the number that are overdue by less than three months, three to six months, six to twelve months, twelve to twenty-four months and more than twenty-four months, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68726/26 | MATT CARTHY

665. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications for an assessment of need received in county Cavan in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of assessments completed in each period; the average and longest waiting time for completion of an assessment of need in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68727/26 | MATT CARTHY

666. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of applications for an assessment of need received in county Monaghan in 2023, 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of assessments completed in each period; the average and longest waiting time for completion of an assessment of need in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68728/26 | MATT CARTHY

667. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in county Cavan who, having completed an assessment of need, are currently awaiting each service or intervention identified in their service statement, including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychology and physiotherapy, in tabular form; the number waiting less than six months, six to twelve months, twelve to twenty-four months and more than twenty-four months for each service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68729/26 | MATT CARTHY

668. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of children in county Monaghan who, having completed an assessment of need, are awaiting each service or intervention identified in their service statement, including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychology and physiotherapy, in tabular form; the number waiting less than six months, six to twelve months, twelve to twenty-four months and more than twenty-four months for each service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68730/26 | MATT CARTHY

669. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the reason a blanket one-maintenance of reduced ratio-per-room rule would prevent a service needs review from recommending a further reduced ratio where the evidence demonstrates it is the most appropriate support; and the way in which the Department has satisfied itself that this restriction will not adversely affect the safety, wellbeing and meaningful inclusion of children for whom reduced group size is the more appropriate support.

PQ68741/26 | MARK WARD

670. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of a case (details supplied); and will her officials investigate the case.

PQ68737/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

671. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will provide funding to allow the continuation of childhood development initiative's Dolly Parton imagination library, which provides free books to thousands of children every month.

PQ68662/26 | PAUL MURPHY

672. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she will consider introducing multi annual funding arrangements for capital projects undertaken by disability service providers and disability organisations, in order to provide greater funding certainty and enable more effective planning and delivery of essential disability infrastructure.

PQ68510/26 | GRACE BOLAND

673. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when a child (details supplied) will receive the promised therapy.

PQ68673/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

674. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who has been referred to the East Limerick CDNT and has been advised that they will be waiting an additional year for an Assessment of Need.

PQ68697/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

675. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to increase paternity paid leave from two weeks to eight weeks.

PQ68449/26 | SEAN FLEMING

676. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to address concerns regarding the use of private, unregulated supervised-access providers in family law proceedings (details supplied); the oversight, safeguarding requirements, Garda vetting, child protection training and professional qualification requirements that apply to private providers appointed or relied upon to supervise contact between children and parents; and the mechanisms that are in place to ensure that reports prepared by such providers for the Family Court are independent, professionally appropriate and subject to adequate quality assurance.

PQ68179/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

677. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the measures being considered by her Department to support family resource centres in Budget 2027; if consideration is being given to increasing the minimum core funding available to family resource centres; to provide a dedicated capital funding stream; to increase investment in counselling and therapeutic supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68465/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

678. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 65157/26, 65158/26 and 65159/26 of 16 September 2026, which did not address the specific questions asked, whether Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 contains any provision concerning the sex of adults supervising children in changing, showering, toileting or sleeping arrangements; to state yes or no; and if not, whether the Minister will provide for the matter to be considered in the next revision of the guidance.

PQ68765/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

679. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 64980/26 of 16 September 2026, which did not provide the yes or no requested, whether profit margin is assessed as a criterion in the award of private residential childcare contracts by Tusla, the Child and Family Agency; and to state yes or no.

PQ68764/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

680. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 66233/26 of 17 September 2026, which did not identify any statutory provision, the specific statutory provision or regulation that governs the oversight, inspection and statutory visiting of children placed outside the State; and if no such specific provision exists, to confirm that plainly.

PQ68763/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

681. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the arrest of 47 people in Turkey (details supplied) following a series of raids on gay bars and the homes of LGBTQ+ activists; if she will publicly condemn this action and if she will seek that the Government use the EU Presidency to highlight this injustice as a strong voice for those in the LGBTQ+ community.

PQ68880/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

682. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the legal basis for Tusla's interpretation of section 66 of the Child Care Act 1991 regarding superannuation eligibility for staff employed in children's residential and aftercare services listed in S.I. 124/1992, 125/1992 and 863/2004; if her Department has issued any guidance or determination limiting eligibility (details supplied) to staff; and if long standing scheme members can legally be removed from this superannuation scheme based on an interpretation not provided for in primary legislation.

PQ68952/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

683. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department has plans to set up a dedicated disability service for adults living with autism in CHO8.

PQ68931/26 | ROBERT TROY

684. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the supports, services and safeguarding measures that are currently available through the HSE for children who are considered at significant risk of wandering, absconding or becoming lost, including autistic children and those with intellectual disabilities; whether assistance is available for GPS tracking or other locating technologies; and if she will provide details of the eligibility criteria and application process for such supports.

PQ68825/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

685. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the current staffing complement at a location (details supplied); the number of vacant posts; the number of agency staff employed; and the steps being taken to address staffing shortages.

PQ68184/26 | ROBERT O'DONOGHUE

686. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of case manager positions relative to acquired brain injury patients that are funded by the HSE; her plans to provide funding for the twenty case managers that are required nationally; her plans to deal with the waiting list for services for patients with acquired brain injury; if the funding for the organisation will be increased as there has been no increase over the past eight years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68225/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

Chun an Sláinte: To the Health

687. To ask the Minister for Health in light of ongoing concerns regarding ambulances being delayed in traffic approaching and leaving Letterkenny, what analysis has been carried out to determine the impact of such delays on emergency medical response times, patient safety and the capacity of the National Ambulance Service to respond to subsequent emergency calls in County Donegal.

PQ68044/26 | CHARLES WARD

688. To ask the Minister for Health to review the case of a person (details supplied) awaiting a procedure in University Hospital Limerick.

PQ68038/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

689. To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government will commission research into the relationship between Down syndrome and the development of Alzheimer's disease; and whether consideration will be given to developing a national policy paper on the supports required for people with Down syndrome as they age and for their families and carers.

PQ68033/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

690. To ask the Minister for Health what examination is being carried out into the fourfold increase in neurological conditions since 2019, as referenced by the HSE Chief Clinical Officer, 22nd July 2026 at EU World Neurology Day.

PQ68075/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

691. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on a matter (details supplied); and the actions taken by the HSE to address the matter.

PQ68004/26 | GED NASH

692. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for appointments and operations in Cavan General Hospital broken down by category.

PQ68002/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adverse events have occurred in Cavan General Hospital in each of past five years broken down in tabular form.

PQ68000/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

694. To ask the Minister for Health the capital works projects that are currently ongoing at the Mater Hospital; and when each of those capital works projects will be completed, in tabular form.

PQ68053/26 | SORCA CLARKE

695. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget allocation to Bloomfield Hospital Rathfarnham in 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ68052/26 | SORCA CLARKE

696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant obstetricians and gynaecologists based at Mullingar Regional Hospital as of 21 September 2026, in tabular form.

PQ68051/26 | SORCA CLARKE

697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting assessment for approval and implantation of deep brain stimulation therapy; the average waiting times at each stage of the pathway; the number of DBS procedures carried out in each of the years of 2024 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form; and the steps being taken to reduce waiting times.

PQ68050/26 | SORCA CLARKE

698. To ask the Minister for Health the examination of the Health Products Regulatory Authority pharmacovigilance processes is being carried out in light of the recent British Medical Journal findings (September 16th 2026) of a faulty algorithm in the US Centre for Disease Control Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.

PQ68072/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

699. To ask the Minister for Health whether all memory care staff promised in 2023 have now been recruited; the current number; the number considered a full cohort; the number currently employed in Cork; and the number considered a full cohort to meet commitments in Cork.

PQ68067/26 | THOMAS GOULD

700. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time for clearances to be carried out, following the offer and acceptance of a post within CAMHS services, in the Mid-West region; if any efforts have been made to expedite this process; and if not, would this be considered.

PQ68121/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

701. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 63241/26, the work that has been carried out by the Mid West specialist eating disorder team thus far to develop a clear integrated ARFID referral pathway for children and young people.

PQ68120/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

702. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to make a public umbilical cord donation available in Ireland.

PQ68114/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

703. To ask the Minister for Health if she will increase the travel allowance for home help workers.

PQ68113/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

704. To ask the Minister for Health when home support services will commence for an older person living alone in County Donegal that was approved in February 2026; and the reason for the delay.

PQ68109/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

705. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide clarity on podiatry services within County Westmeath; her views that there have been substantial cuts to this service in Westmeath over recent years; and the measures being taken by her Department to enhance this essential service.

PQ68133/26 | ROBERT TROY

706. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify whether there are plans to offer permanent or fixed-term employment opportunities to persons currently on the HSE staff bank in County Kerry.

PQ68132/26 | PA DALY

707. To ask the Minister for Health in the context of proposals to withdraw private maternity services, the specific criteria that will be used to risk-stratify women as normal, medium or high risk; her views that it would be important for these criteria to be clearly defined and transparent, particularly if a woman's risk categorisation will determine which maternity pathway she is able to access; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68129/26 | BARRY WARD

708. To ask the Minister for Health to outline why there is currently a recruitment freeze on midwifery posts in University Hospital Galway (details supplied); and the rationale for not filling vacant midwifery posts.

PQ68146/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

709. To ask the Minister for Health when an Adult Speech and Language Therapist will be appointed in County Leitrim.

PQ68150/26 | EAMON SCANLON

710. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ6452/26 and staffing in Thurles CMHT, for an update on the supplementary panel for the Clinical Nurse Manager post, which recently closed.

PQ68151/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

711. To ask the Minister for Health to consider bringing forward legislation to provide free universal access to blister packs for patients from pharmacies.

PQ68183/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

712. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the HSE and relevant professional bodies to establish a timeline for reviewing accreditation requirements, rather than waiting for the completion of the statutory regulation of psychotherapy.

PQ68218/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

713. To ask the Minister for Health the assessment that has been undertaken of the potential impact of broadening recruitment eligibility to include appropriately qualified CBT psychotherapists on workforce capacity, waiting lists and access to evidence-based psychological therapies.

PQ68217/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

714. To ask the Minister for Health if she will confirm whether accreditations (details supplied) will be considered in the development of future professional standards and recruitment frameworks, taking account of CORU's Standards of Proficiency for Psychotherapists.

PQ68216/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

715. To ask the Minister for Health if she will request the HSE to undertake a review of recruitment criteria that may prevent suitably qualified accredited cognitive behavioural psychotherapists (details supplied) from applying for relevant counselling and psychotherapy posts.

PQ68215/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

716. To ask the Minister for Health if she will engage with the HSE to review recruitment criteria for counselling and psychotherapy posts to recognise accredited cognitive behavioural psychotherapists (details supplied); the reason this accreditation is not accepted for certain HSE positions; and whether it will be considered in relevant grade code reviews and workforce planning.

PQ68214/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

717. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to address prolonged waiting times in the emergency department at University Hospital Kerry; the current staffing and bed capacity within the emergency department; whether additional staffing, bed and diagnostic capacity is planned; and the measures being taken to reduce delays in diagnostic imaging and the reporting of results for emergency department patients.

PQ68257/26 | PA DALY

718. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to tackle overcrowding in the emergency department at St. Vincent's University Hospital; and if she has commissioned research on the specific impact of overcrowding on patients with moderate, as opposed to urgent and acute, disease or injury seeking emergency treatment, across the country with a view to ensuring better outcomes for such patients.

PQ68265/26 | IVANA BACIK

719. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an orthopaedic appointment for Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway; and if the referral is an urgent or routine referral.

PQ68261/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

720. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision for reimbursement support under the community drug scheme for a continuous glucose monitoring device will be extended beyond patients with type 1 diabetes to include patients with reactive hypoglycaemia; the number of patients affected by hypoglycaemia; and the estimated cost of including this cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ68260/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

721. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide details of the number of students who graduate each year in dentistry/orthodontics; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68279/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

722. To ask the Minister for Health the measures she is taking to increase the number of orthodontists employed in the public sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68278/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

723. To ask the Minister for Health if an orthodontist patient on the public list who is undergoing treatment can be seen and receive assistance from a different orthodontist in the same public hospital in the case where their assigned orthodontist is on extended sick leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68277/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

724. To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the number of children under the age of 18 years-of-age that received braces on the public list at Navan Hospital for each of the years 2020 to 2025, and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ68275/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

725. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years-of-age that are on a waiting list for an appointment with an orthodontist in Navan Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68274/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full time and part time orthodontists that are employed in Navan Hospital; if she plans to recruit additional orthodontists in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68273/26 | JOHNNY GUIRKE

727. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting times for counselling and psychological services; the current waiting times for psychiatric assessment where such assessment is deemed clinically necessary; the procedures in place for reassessment where a person's mental health deteriorates while awaiting treatment or assessment; the interim supports and services available to individuals during this waiting period; and the measures being taken to reduce waiting times and improve access to mental health services.

PQ68272/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

728. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the plans to close unit 1 (dementia unit) and relocate patients from another ward in Sarsfield Court, whether she is aware that a similar unit remains closed (unit 5); and her views on the capacity therefore to move patients to unit 5.

PQ68269/26 | THOMAS GOULD

729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of units or wards currently vacant or used for administrative or training purposes on the Sarsfield Court site; and the date of closure of the unit or ward to patients, in tabular form.

PQ68267/26 | THOMAS GOULD

730. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1184 of 16 September 2026, staffing in Nenagh CMHT, ongoing recruitment efforts for the Social Worker post, and with regards to the three panels being exhausted, the number of offers that were issued to candidates on said panels; if the reasons are known to the HSE that no candidates accepted the role; and for an update on the supplementary panel that is being formed.

PQ68161/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

731. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available to Parkinson's patients in the South East; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68160/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

732. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a breakdown of the numbers of Parkinson's disease sufferers known to the HSE in the South East, including specific breakdowns for Kilkenny, Carlow, Waterford and Wexford; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68157/26 | JOHN MCGUINNESS

733. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which her Department and the HSE are ensuring that statutory minimum rates of pay and other conditions of employment for workers employed in the contract cleaning industry in publicly funded health settings are being adhered to; the inspection regime currently in place to ensure these workers are not being exploited; and to detail the number of breaches identified over the course of 2026.

PQ68154/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

734. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to ensure that there are sufficient dementia care beds in Cork, if there are any planned closures and what alternatives will be put in place for dementia patients.

PQ68297/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

735. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels in hospital laboratory services, including haematology, microbiology and biochemistry departments, in each acute hospital; the number of laboratory staff rostered for overnight and out-of-hours on-call services; the number of vacant laboratory posts nationwide; and the measures being taken to ensure adequate staffing levels and rest periods for staff working extended shifts.

PQ68293/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

736. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has examined the introduction or expansion of routine blood sampling at patient triage in emergency departments to ensure laboratory results are available at the time of first medical assessment; the hospitals in which such a model is currently in operation; the evaluation undertaken regarding its impact on patient waiting times and flow through emergency departments; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68292/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

737. To ask the Minister for Health whether an assessment has been carried out at Mayo University Hospital regarding the potential for blood samples to be taken at triage in the emergency department in advance of medical assessment; the estimated impact such a process could have on patient waiting times; and whether consideration is being given to implementing such a measure as a cost neutral service improvement.

PQ68291/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

738. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration is being given to introducing a policy whereby blood samples are taken as early as possible during a patient's attendance at an emergency department, including at triage where appropriate, so that blood test results are available during the patient's initial medical assessment; whether this has been identified as a means of reducing delays associated with waiting for laboratory results and repeat medical reviews; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ68290/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

739. To ask the Minister for Health whether an assessment has been carried out at Mayo University Hospital regarding the routine taking of blood samples at the point of triage in the emergency department; whether it is estimated that having blood results available at the patient's first consultation with a doctor could reduce waiting times and the need for multiple medical reviews; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68289/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

740. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to locate a Stem Cell Transplant and Cellular Therapy Unit at Cork University Hospital.

PQ68296/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

741. To ask the Minister for Health if she intends to alter the income limit threshold for over 70 medical cards, that was last set in November 2020.

PQ68287/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of corneal specialists who cover the north Dublin area; and if funding will be provided to increase this number.

PQ68298/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

743. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intraoperative neuromonitoring devices available to hospitals in the Dublin area; and if the Minister is aware of surgeries being postponed due to a lack of availability and hospitals being forced to loan devices to others.

PQ68233/26 | SEÁN CROWE

744. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for HSE Home Support in each month of 2025 and to date in 2026 in the East Clare HSE Community Health Network.

PQ68177/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for HSE Home Support in each month of 2025 and to date in 2026 in the West Clare HSE Community Health Network.

PQ68176/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for one month or longer; three months or longer; six months or longer; and 12 months or longer for HSE Home Support in the West Clare HSE Community Health Network.

PQ68173/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for one month or longer; three months or longer; six months or longer; and 12 months or longer for HSE Home Support in the East Clare HSE Community Health Network.

PQ68170/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

748. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1184 of 15 September 2026, and staffing in Nenagh CMHT, for a further update on the Mental Health OT post; and if a date for interviews has yet been set.

PQ68168/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

749. To ask the Minister for Health To what extent was her Department consulted on the potential health effects of the Planning Design Standards for Apartments, Guidelines for Planning Authorities 2025 in a warming climate; was a Health Impact Assessment applied; and what feedback/response if any was given by the Department on how these revised standards will contribute positively or negatively to the delivery of the National Strategic Outcome to transition to a climate resilient society.

PQ68328/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

750. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for tender applicants for the shop/cafe at the Louth County Hospital (details supplied) being advised that the minimum acceptable revenue-sharing arrangement shall be 30% of net profit (not gross profit) payable to the Louth County Hospital; whether this is standard across hospitals in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68194/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

751. To ask the Minister for Health the level of fees collected by pharmacies for services provided under the common conditions scheme, in tabular form; the number of consultations and other measurable outputs this relates to; the extent of data collected on services operated under the common conditions scheme; if this data is not collected, the reason; and whether she intends to collect it.

PQ68193/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of newly qualified nurses and midwives that have been offered jobs in hospitals on completion of their studies this year; the number of newly qualified nurses and midwives that have not been offered roles due to the HSE hiring freeze; if there are vacancies in hospitals not being filled due to this hiring freeze; if she is concerned that vacancies could lead to substandard patient care in hospitals; her plans to ensure that these newly qualified medical professionals are offered jobs in our hospitals; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68322/26 | CATHAL CROWE

753. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an orthopaedic appointment in Galway University Hospital; and if the person is on the routine or urgent waiting list.

PQ68227/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

754. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant midwifery positions in University Maternity Hospital Limerick; and the timeframe for these vacancies to be filled.

PQ68366/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

755. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals in child primary care psychology services since processing disabilities was introduced; and the number currently on waiting lists.

PQ68372/26 | CATHY BENNETT

756. To ask the Minister for Health if staffing levels differentiate between adult and child primary care psychology services; and the number of staff employed in each service.

PQ68371/26 | CATHY BENNETT

757. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for child primary care psychology in counties Cavan and Monaghan.

PQ68370/26 | CATHY BENNETT

758. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting times statewide for psychiatric assessment where clinically required; the reassessment or interim supports that are available to a person who feels their mental health is deteriorating while on a waiting list for treatment; and her plans to reduce these waiting times.

PQ68384/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

759. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a significant issue with the modular bathrooms in the new children's hospital; the total number of bathrooms affected; whether this issue is related to the insulation used; if this issue can be outlined in detail; to clarify if the issue with insulation in the modular bathrooms will cause a delay in the delivery of the hospital; and if so, to provide a timeline.

PQ68430/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

760. To ask the Minister for Health if there are funding streams within the palliative care sector for volunteer support and volunteer support programs; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68447/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

761. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the publishing of the national plan for hearing care.

PQ68468/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

762. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to roll out a State-wide hearing screening programme for over 50s similar to other health screening programmes.

PQ68470/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

763. To ask the Minister for Health if she will outline when the HSE will be providing a nursing practice programme for currently registered childcare nurses who have a gap in service and require this course to return to HSE employment; and her views on the urgency to provide such courses given the current recruitment requirements within the HSE and the imminent opening of the National Childrens Hospital.

PQ68485/26 | ROBERT TROY

764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult and paediatric patients with Type 1 diabetes currently on a waiting list to commence insulin pump therapy (specifically including hybrid closed-loop systems) within the CHO 8 region; if she will provide a breakdown of these figures by relevant acute hospital clinics providing diabetes services in the region, including Regional Hospital Mullingar and Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68481/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

765. To ask the Minister for Health whether a national policy governs specifically when a hospital should engage a private ambulance provider in place of the National Ambulance Service, as distinct from the general 2011 non-ambulance patient transport policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68480/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

766. To ask the Minister for Health further to confirmation that the National Ambulance Services demand outstrips capacity, and that its intermediate care resources are limited, to provide an update on the National Ambulance Service intermediate care fleet establishment; the number of those posts filled, in each of the years from 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68479/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

767. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inter-hospital and patient transports carried out by private ambulance providers on behalf of the Health Service Executive in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the number of these that arose because National Ambulance Service resources were unavailable; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68478/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

768. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount paid by the Health Service Executive and by hospitals to private ambulance providers in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by hospital or hospital group; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68477/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

769. To ask the Minister for Health when a hospital appointment will be made for a person (details supplied).

PQ68505/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

770. To ask the Minister for Health if the Midlands regional Hospital Mullingar are currently providing adaption/placement programmes for qualified paediatric nurses to return to service following a gap in HSE employment; and when this programme will be open for applicants.

PQ68487/26 | ROBERT TROY

771. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3129 of 7 September 2026, if she will clarify a matter (details supplied).

PQ68525/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

772. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3129 of 7 September 2026, if she can provide a timeline on when the five remaining teams planned under the 2018 Model of Care for Eating Disorder Services will be completed and fully operational.

PQ68524/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

773. To ask the Minister for Health whether capital funding has been approved and allocated for the proposed €27 million Stem Cell Tissue Establishment and Aseptic Compounding Unit at Cork University Hospital; the current stage of the project; the amount expended on the project to date; the amount of funding allocated; and the expected date for commencement of construction.

PQ68522/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

774. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify the position, where children are conceived to a same sex couple through a qualifying DAHR procedure in an Irish clinic and are then born in Northern Ireland, as to the mechanism that currently exists to ensure that the non-birth mother is recognised as their parent under Irish law; and whether forthcoming assisted human reproduction legislation will ensure that children in this situation do not lose recognition of a parent solely because they are born outside the jurisdiction.

PQ68519/26 | IVANA BACIK

775. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 512 of 2 July 2026, to state whether she or the Health Service Executive has requested the Comptroller and Auditor General to conduct a value for money examination of the treatment abroad scheme; and to confirm by yes or no whether any post-operative complication, readmission or follow-up data in respect of procedures funded under the scheme is held centrally.

PQ68555/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

776. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on correspondence (details supplied).

PQ68552/26 | EMER CURRIE

777. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide the total number of patients refused private maternity care in each of the 19 maternity units since January 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68593/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

778. To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide details of the waiting time between patients attending an MRI and getting the results of the scan in the Mater Private Hospital (on referral from the public system); if she tracks these waiting times on a regular basis; if she has noticed any changes to the length of time patients are waiting; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68592/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

779. To ask the Minister for Health To the current status of HSE pricing and reimbursement negotiations for a drug (details supplied); the expected timeline for concluding these negotiations and making the medication available under the drugs payment scheme; and the steps being

taken to ensure equitable access to menopause treatment for women who cannot take HRT for medical reasons, including survivors of hormone-positive breast cancer.

PQ68543/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

780. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to matters raised regarding a medical procedure for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9.

PQ68589/26 | RORY HEARNE

781. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 506 of 2 July 2026, to confirm by yes or no whether any body other than the Health Service Executive has conducted a value for money or governance review of the treatment abroad scheme since 2020; and if no such review has taken place, to state this directly.

PQ68557/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

782. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the additional costs associated with cancer, including travel, accommodation, parking, medication and loss of income, are taken into account when assessing eligibility for a medical card; and the number of cancer patients who were refused a medical card.

PQ68597/26 | CAROL NOLAN

783. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for medical cards received from persons diagnosed with cancer in each of the past five years; the number approved, refused and granted on a discretionary basis; and the average processing time for such applications.

PQ68595/26 | CAROL NOLAN

784. To ask the Minister for Health if she can give an update on establishment of the adult ADHD team for the Integrated Health Areas of DNC and DNCW which is due to be in place by Q3 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68594/26 | LOUISE O'REILLY

785. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the current bed capacity at Cahersiveen Community Hospital; the total number of beds available at the facility; the number currently operational; the number of additional beds that could be put into operation; the staffing requirements associated with opening currently non-operational beds; the current staffing complement at the hospital; the number of vacant posts; the infrastructural, staffing, regulatory or other barriers preventing additional beds from being opened; and her plans and timeframe for increasing the number of operational beds at the facility.

PQ68572/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

786. To ask the Minister for Health if her Department will address the ongoing exclusion of counties Sligo and Leitrim as the only remaining counties in the Republic of Ireland without a dedicated, locally based MS Ireland community worker; if she will provide the specific funding allocation to MS Ireland to establish this full-time post for the more than 300 people living with MS in the region; and the steps her Department is taking to correct this regional health deficit in the north west.

PQ68628/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

787. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the removal of an ATM for a hospital (details supplied); and if her Department is aware of plans for a replacement ATM service in the hospital.

PQ68660/26 | TOM BRABAZON

788. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to approval that has been granted for additional nursing home beds at a nursing home (details supplied); the reason these additional beds have not yet become operational; if outstanding issues are preventing their opening; the steps being taken by her Department, the HSE and other relevant agencies to facilitate the opening of these beds; and the timeframe within which it is expected that the additional beds will be available for residents.

PQ68658/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

789. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant vascular surgeons based at a hospital (details supplied), as of 22 September 2026, in tabular form.

PQ68647/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

790. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be enrolled in an ASD unit, near their home.

PQ68676/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

791. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses that informed the HSE they intended to return from an approved career break; the number of nurses returning from a career break who were reemployed at their substantive grade within 12 months of their career break ending; the number of nurses returning from a career break who were then reemployed at a lower grade post; and the number of nurses who were not offered a post within 12 months of indication of their career break ending, from 2024 to date, in tabular form.

PQ68680/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

792. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3895 of 7 September 2026, and given that approximately 200 HSE staff are members of an organisation (details supplied), the mechanisms by which the HSE assures itself of the evidence base and content of the continuing education those staff receive through the organisation.

PQ68696/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

793. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3893 of 7 September 2026, whether any HSE document, guidance or training material instructs or advises staff to use the terms "parent", "human milk" or "chestfeeding" in place of "mother", "breast milk" or "breastfeeding"; if so, to identify each such document; and the date it issued.

PQ68694/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

794. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3875 and 3877 of 7 September 2026, to identify the HSE working groups, guideline development groups or advisory bodies on which ALCI is represented; the national guidelines to which it has contributed in the past five years; and whether declarations of interest were made and recorded by its representatives.

PQ68693/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

795. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3848 of 7 September 2026, whether the HSE independently verified the content of the presentations delivered at the conference of an organisation (details supplied), or relied on the assurance provided by the organisation; and whether the HSE has requested or reviewed the slides or recordings of the presentations concerned.

PQ68691/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

796. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3876 and 3895 of 7 September 2026, to provide the number of education, training or seminar events delivered by an organisation (details supplied) to HSE staff in each of the past five years; the subjects covered; the number of HSE staff who attended in each year; and whether the HSE made any payment to the organisation for that education.

PQ68690/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

797. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3851 of 7 September 2026, to confirm whether any HSE grant funding provided to an organisation (details supplied), directly or indirectly (including through general operating costs, staff time, overheads or reserves), supported the organisation's 2026 national conference; and to provide the most recent grant acquittal or audited financial statement submitted by the organisation to the HSE.

PQ68689/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

798. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3853 of 7 September 2026, to provide the amount of funding provided by the HSE to an organisation (details supplied) to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68688/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

799. To ask the Minister for Health her views on a matter (details supplied).

PQ68634/26 | ROBERT TROY

800. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the arrangements governing the provision of medication blister packs, also known as monitored dosage systems, by community pharmacies; the circumstances in which medical card holders may receive them without an additional charge where clinically required; whether people living with dementia and other patients who face medication-safety risks are covered by these arrangements; whether clear guidance will be issued to all community pharmacies to ensure consistent access.

PQ68759/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

801. To ask the Minister for Health What steps are being taken to ensure newly qualified midwives can transition directly into employment within the public health service.

PQ68757/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

802. To ask the Minister for Health why a constituent (details supplied) is waiting on a hip replacement; can the Minister confirm getting her an appointment as soon as possible, given that she is the main carer for her husband and needs the surgery.

PQ68756/26 | NIAMH SMYTH

803. To ask the Minister for Health whether recruitment controls are affecting midwifery posts in the HSE West and North-West region.

PQ68755/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

804. To ask the Minister for Health how many approved and funded midwifery vacancies currently exist at Galway University Hospitals.

PQ68754/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

805. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is aware that newly qualified midwives in Galway have completed internships but have not been offered employment; if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68753/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

806. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant WTE staff by job title, currently in the ophthalmology department of South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital; and the expected timeframe for filling each of those vacancies, in tabular form.

PQ68752/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

807. To ask the Minister for Health if a drug (details supplied) will be made available under the drug payment scheme for patients who cannot take HRT as a result of a cancer diagnosis; and the current status of the application.

PQ68721/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

808. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Louth Meath HSE Integrated Health Area has one of the highest waiting lists in the country for home care support.

PQ68716/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

809. To ask the Minister for Health to ensure that all home care workers are paid for cancelled appointments, for example, in the case that a client is taken to hospital.

PQ68715/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

810. To ask the Minister for Health to establish a home support waiting list taskforce to implement targeted measures to eliminate home care blackspots and end the Eircode Lottery of home support.

PQ68712/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

811. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant posts advertised in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 which remained unfilled at the close of the recruitment campaign, by specialty and health region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68801/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

812. To ask the Minister for Health to introduce a national mileage payment scheme for all home care workers.

PQ68710/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

813. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 63083/26, the number of consultant appointments made in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 where the appointee was a registrant of the HSE career hub; the total cost of developing and operating the career hub to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68799/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

814. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 63083/26, whether the HSE has carried out a value for money assessment, review or evaluation of expenditure on advertising consultant posts in medical journals since 2020; if not, the reason no such assessment has been made; whether one will now be commissioned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68798/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

815. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made towards making the drugs enhertu, zongertinib and sevabertinib, which are used to treat HER2 cancers, available for use in Ireland; her plans to make enhertu - which has been recommended for approval by the European medicines agency- available via an early access scheme; her plans to conduct clinical trials using these drugs in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68774/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

816. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2282 of 9 June 2026, which reported that 1% of 2,216 applicants stated they saw the advertisement in a journal, and the reply to Parliamentary Question No. 63082/26 stating that no applicant can be attributed to an individual publication, the way in which the HSE collected the applicant source data cited in the reply; whether applicants are asked to state where they saw the advertisement in all consultant recruitment campaigns; the full breakdown of source responses for the 2,216 applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68796/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

817. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 63082/26 and 63083/26 and Parliamentary Question No. 2282 of 9 June 2026, the total expenditure by the HSE, nationally and in each health region, on advertising consultant posts in medical journals and other paid print or online publications in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, broken down by publication; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68795/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

818. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the decision to close Unit 1, the dementia specific unit at St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, County Cork; the date on which the decision was made and by whom; whether she or the Minister of State was consulted in advance; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ68809/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

819. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to maintain and improve physiotherapy services at Swinford Hospital, County Mayo, in light of reports of a recent reduction in physiotherapy staffing levels and the potential loss of administrative support staff; whether the HSE has assessed the effect such staffing changes may have on patient access, waiting times and service delivery in the Swinford catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68808/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

820. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of reports that administrative staff within the physiotherapy department at Swinford Hospital, County Mayo, are due to be made redundant or reassigned; the rationale for this decision; the impact assessment that has been carried out regarding the transfer of administrative duties to physiotherapy staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68807/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

821. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on HSE plans for primary care accommodation in Lismore and west Waterford; whether the HSE has completed its review of current and future service and accommodation needs; whether a property (details supplied) has been formally assessed as a potential location for primary care services; and the next steps and the timeline for progressing additional accommodation.

PQ68815/26 | DAVID CULLINANE

822. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline of reinstating psychology services for older persons in Ballina, county Mayo, which were withdrawn by the HSE; the measures being taken to restore the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68722/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

823. To ask the Minister for Health the reasons the HSE withdrew psychology services for older persons in Ballina, county Mayo; when the decision to discontinue the service was made; the consultation undertaken with service users and stakeholders prior to its withdrawal; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68723/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

824. To ask the Minister for Health whether commitments were given by the HSE that psychology services for older persons in Ballina, county Mayo, would be reinstated following their withdrawal; if so, when those commitments were made; the reasons the service has not yet been restored; and the timeframe for its reinstatement.

PQ68724/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

825. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients travelling from county Longford to a hospital (details supplied) 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.

PQ68788/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

826. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration is being given to the development of a national framework to support access to GPS locating technology and other assistive safeguarding devices for vulnerable children who are assessed as being at significant risk of wandering or absconding; whether any pilot projects or reviews are underway in this area.

PQ68826/26 | PAUL NICHOLAS GOGARTY

827. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on a case (details supplied).

PQ68736/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

828. To ask the Minister for Health the recommendations of the 2018 review on hospital car parking charges; and which of these have been actioned since that time.

PQ68823/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

829. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for delivery of the review on hospital car parking charges.

PQ68820/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in the Cork area currently awaiting a specialist dementia residential placement; the number of such public beds available in HSE South West; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68814/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

831. To ask the Minister for Health the amount collected in public parking charges at Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown, to date in 2026.

PQ68819/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

832. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the current estimated waiting time between a first referral to the National Gender Service made in September 2026 and a first appointment with that service based on the current resources available to the service; and the average length of time spent on the waiting list by patients who received an invitation to a first appointment with the National Gender Service in the past six months.

PQ68813/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

833. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed future use of Unit 1 at St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire; whether it is linked to the planned mental health residential development on the campus; the current status and occupancy of Unit 5 and any other vacant wards on the site; the reason these were not considered for that purpose instead; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68812/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

834. To ask the Minister for Health whether a clinical risk assessment has been carried out on the transfer of the current residents of Unit 1, St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, having regard to their dementia and communication needs; whether HIQA has been notified of the proposed closure; the consultation carried out with residents' families prior to the notification issued in August 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68811/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

835. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 244 of 2 July 2025, stating that Unit 1 at St Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire would continue admissions, the number of admissions to the unit since July 2025; the number of referrals received and declined in the same period; the reason the unit's registered capacity of 16 beds has not been used; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68810/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

836. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to expand the Medical Cannabis Access Programme to include chronic pain conditions, including endometriosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68856/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

837. To ask the Minister for Health to provide detail on the arrangements in place to provide relief cover for nursing care on Cape Clear island in cases of leave or other absences.

PQ68855/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

838. To ask the Minister for Health to provide detail on the current level of nursing provision on Cape Clear, County Cork; the number of days in which there was no nursing cover physically present on the island, from 2025 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and to provide details on the efforts undertaken to fill vacant nursing positions on the island.

PQ68853/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

839. To ask the Minister for Health the number treated with intersex genital mutilation (IGM) in each of the years from 2018 to date in 2026, in tabular form; and to provide an indication as to the reasoning in cases in which IGM was deemed necessary.

PQ68849/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

840. To ask the Minister for Health the information provided to parents of intersex infants; the involvement, that intersex people have in informing and monitoring this information; and if parents with intersex infants are being referred to an organisation.

PQ68848/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

841. To ask the Minister for Health if the incidence of intersex genital mutilation is reducing in Ireland; and if so, to provide data to support this.

PQ68847/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

842. To ask the Minister for Health if a medication (details supplied) will be approved for reimbursement and use within the public health service for patients with HER2-mutated non-small cell lung cancer; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68860/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

843. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of GP visits to Cape Clear, from 2024 to date in 2026; and to detail the efforts being undertaken by her Department to expand GP access on the island.

PQ68859/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

844. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will consider providing full time public health nursing cover on Cape Clear, in line with the Government's commitment in "Our Living Islands" Strategy to improve health services to island communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68858/26 | HOLLY CAIRNS

845. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical training placements, supervised clinical training posts, teaching clinics, training chairs and other placement capacity available for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy and veterinary medicine in each of the years from 2021 to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68443/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

846. To ask the Minister for Health the number of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment made against HSE employees, agency staff or contractors in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form, by HSE region and by service area; the number referred to An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68911/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

847. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 66423/26 whether action will be taken against a social media company (details supplied) which continues to have multiple posts (details supplied) promoting these harmful so-called cures.

PQ68772/26 | PAUL MURPHY

848. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the Medical Council has determined that an Irish-based teleradiology undertaking contracts with Irish hospitals to provide diagnostic radiology reporting services constitutes a "healthcare provider" within the meaning of Article 3(d) of Directive 2011/24/EU; if so, to provide the legal and regulatory basis for that determination; to outline the obligations arising from it; if no determination has been made, the regulatory responsibility and accountability for the provision of those services are assigned; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68909/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

849. To ask the Minister for Health the measures available to prevent a practitioner, located outside of the State but providing a service to the State, who is the subject of concerns from continuing to report on Irish patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68908/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

850. To ask the Minister for Health the applicable professional indemnity, and the mechanisms for investigating complaints and serious discrepancies or patient-safety concerns related to medical practitioners providing services to the State but located outside the State.

PQ68907/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

851. To ask the Minister for Health the statutory basis upon which a practitioner operating outside the State is permitted to report diagnostic radiology examinations relating to Irish patients.

PQ68906/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

852. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 65375/26 the staffing complement and current vacancies in Unit 1 at St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire; whether a compliance plan has been agreed with HIQA following its recent inspection; the resources committed by the HSE to address the findings; and whether the deficiencies identified relate to resourcing, staffing or management decisions of the HSE, which Parliamentary Question No. 65375/26 of 16 September 2026 did not address; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68769/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

853. To ask the Minister for Health the regulatory framework that protects patients in Ireland where a diagnostic radiology examination is reported by a medical practitioner operating outside the EU/EEA but who is not registered with the Medical Council; and to clarify which regulatory authority has jurisdiction over such a practitioner.

PQ68905/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

854. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 60224/26 and 60228/26 of 7 September 2026, whether a formal mechanism exists to record instances of non-compliance by the Institute of Public Health with its Oversight Agreement; to state yes or no; the number of occasions since 2020 on which non-compliance has been identified; whether the grant suspension provision in the Oversight Agreement has ever been invoked; whether any independent audit of the Institute's compliance has been carried out, and if so, the date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68766/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

855. To ask the Minister for Health the regulatory framework that protects patients in Ireland where a diagnostic radiology examination is reported by a medical practitioner operating within the EU but who is not registered with the Medical Council; and to clarify which regulatory authority has jurisdiction over such a practitioner.

PQ68904/26 | MARIE SHERLOCK

856. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 66550/26 and 66570/26, whether the Department or the Food Safety Authority of Ireland has assessed the combined folic acid intake likely to arise for adults and children in the State from UK fortified flour from 13 December 2026, together with voluntarily fortified foods and supplements, against the tolerable upper intake level; if so, the findings; if not, whether

- such an assessment will be completed before 13 December 2026; the monitoring that will be put in place; whether the report on the public consultation will be published.
- PQ68761/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
857. To ask the Minister for Health to respond to correspondence (details supplied).
- PQ68758/26 | SEAN FLEMING
858. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neonatologist posts filled at Cork University Maternity Hospital in the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.
- PQ68751/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
859. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE general dental surgeons and senior dental surgeon posts filled at each HSE dental clinic within Cork as of 21 September 2026; and if she will provide the same figures as of 31 December 2023, in tabular form.
- PQ68750/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CT, MRI and PET scanners that are currently available for use in each hospital within Cork as of 18 September 2026; and the hours per week each of those machines are available, by location, in tabular form.
- PQ68749/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
861. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for full implementation of the recommendations of the HSE internal audit of non-EU doctor recruitment; whether a follow-up audit will be conducted to verify compliance; the date by which it will report; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ68928/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
862. To ask the Minister for Health the individual or office within the HSE with responsibility for ensuring that mandatory pre-employment checks, including garda vetting, overseas police clearance, occupational health clearance and English-language competency, are completed before a doctor commences employment; the sanctions, if any, applied where those checks are not completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ68927/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
863. To ask the Minister for Health the number of non-EU consultant and non-consultant hospital doctors recruited by the HSE in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by HSE region, in tabular form; the proportion of those recruitments subject to any audit of pre-employment checks; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ68926/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
864. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE plans to extend the internal audit of non-EU doctor recruitment to hospitals in the HSE South West region, including Cork University Hospital, the Mercy University Hospital, the South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital and Mallow General Hospital; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ68924/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
865. To ask the Minister for Health the compliance rate recorded in the HSE internal audit of non-EU doctor recruitment for each of the seven sites examined, namely Tullamore, Portlaoise, Mullingar, Drogheda, Cavan, Navan and the Rotunda Maternity Hospital, by hospital, in tabular form; the two sites found to be fully compliant; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ68923/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
866. To ask the Minister for Health further to the HSE internal audit finding that English-language competency evidence was available for only 27 of 40 doctors examined, the number of cases in which a certificate below the minimum HSE-required score was accepted; the number in which a certificate was obtained after the doctor commenced employment; whether any patient safety incidents have been linked to language competency in these cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ68922/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
867. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on her Department's progression of the sunbeds working group recommendation to ban commercial sunbeds; the engagement her Department has had with the European Commission on this issue in recent months; and the timeline for progression of this issue.
- PQ68830/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN
868. To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure a cross border reimbursement application (details supplied) is processed without further delay.
- PQ68934/26 | ROBERT TROY
869. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 66553/26 of 22 September 2026, the reason Ireland did not submit an objection, observation, comment or reservation through the world trade organization or European Commission notification processes in February 2024 in respect of the UK folic acid fortification measures, given that her Department's correspondence to the European Commission in September 2025 raised concerns from Irish stakeholders; whether an assessment was prepared at the time of notification; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ68762/26 | KEN O'FLYNN
870. To ask the Minister for Health the steps the HSE has taken since the completion of its internal audit of non-EU doctor recruitment to obtain the missing garda vetting and overseas police clearance for the doctors concerned; whether any doctor has been removed from clinical duties pending completion of those checks; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
- PQ68921/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

871. To ask the Minister for Health further to the HSE internal audit of non-EU doctor recruitment, the number of cases in which overseas police clearance was missing, had expired, or did not meet the required standard; the number of cases in which alternative documentation was accepted in place of police clearance; who authorised the acceptance of that alternative documentation; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68920/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

872. To ask the Minister for Health further to the HSE internal audit of non-EU consultant and non-consultant hospital doctor recruitment reported on 24 September 2026, the number of the 40 doctors examined who were working in patient-facing roles without evidence of garda vetting on file; the number who remain in post without that evidence as of the date of this reply; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68919/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

873. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE file review of residents cared for by a healthcare assistant (details supplied); the number of files reviewed to date; the number of further referrals made to An Garda Síochána; the expected completion date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68918/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

874. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE employees placed on administrative leave, suspended or dismissed following allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68917/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

875. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed stem cell tissue establishment and advanced cellular therapies unit at a hospital (details supplied); whether a project team has been established; whether funding has been identified; the reason the project is not included in the HSE Capital Plan 2026-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68885/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

876. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ45807/26, if further progress has been made to expand access to the shingles vaccine, given that cost-effectiveness is a concern; if there has been further engagement or negotiations between the relevant parties; and the position regarding the shingles vaccine being considered for the immunisation schedule in Ireland.

PQ68861/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

877. To ask the Minister for Health the plans the HSE have to increase the capacity of spaces for car parking at Merlin Park Hospital in Galway.

PQ68877/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

878. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider adding Veoza (fezolinetant) to the drug scheme list, to ensure women who cannot use HRT, for example due to cancer treatment, have access to an affordable non hormonal treatment for severe menopausal symptoms; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68865/26 | JENNIFER WHITMORE

879. To ask the Minister for Health to examine the lack of transitional and long term community rehabilitation pathways for young people experiencing functional neurological disorder or other mobility disorders in North Dublin.

PQ68864/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

880. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE maintains a central record of allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment arising in HSE-run or HSE-funded facilities; if not, the reason; whether she will direct the establishment of such a record; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68913/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

881. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the feasibility process for Ireland's first specialist psychiatric Mother and Baby Unit at St Vincent's University Hospital; the date on which the current feasibility study commenced; the expenditure on feasibility and planning work to date; the options currently under consideration, including whether any option would involve the service being provided across more than one location on the hospital campus; the date by which a final location and design will be agreed; the capital funding provided for the project; and the current projected date.

PQ68961/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

882. To ask the Minister for Health the current WTE staffing in post, by discipline, in each specialist perinatal mental health team nationally; the recommended WTE staffing by discipline under the relevant Model of Care; the number of vacant posts in each team by discipline; the number of additional posts which have been approved but have not yet been advertised or progressed to active recruitment; and to provide the information in tabular form.

PQ68958/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

883. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government is currently reviewing the reimbursement status of testosterone products prescribed to women.

PQ68963/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

884. To ask the Minister for Health the reason female-specific testosterone formulations are not currently included in the free HRT arrangements.

PQ68964/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

885. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider adding appropriate female testosterone formulations to the reimbursement list in the treatment of menopause and perimenopause.

PQ68966/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

886. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure that women requiring testosterone are able to access an appropriate formulation without having to pay privately.

PQ68967/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

887. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money paid out under the Transitional Care Fund for each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026; and the amount of money paid to private nursing homes for contact egress beds for each of those years.

PQ68955/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

888. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical incidents recorded at Bloomfield Hospital in each of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 relating to choking, aspiration, dysphagia, modified diets or feeding; and the number that resulted in transfer to an acute hospital.

PQ68969/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

889. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents of Bloomfield Hospital transferred to an acute hospital in each of 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026 with aspiration pneumonia or another condition associated with swallowing or feeding difficulties; and the number of deaths during this period in which aspiration pneumonia was recorded as a primary or contributory cause of death.

PQ68970/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

890. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE, as part of its enhanced oversight of Bloomfield Hospital, has examined compliance with recommendations made by speech and language therapists, dietitians, psychologists and other members of multidisciplinary teams in relation to modified diets, feeding plans and behavioural support plans; whether any deficiencies have been identified; and the corrective actions required.

PQ68971/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

891. To ask the Minister for Health the status and scope of any HSE review or investigation into clinical governance and patient safety at Bloomfield Hospital; whether current and former members of the multidisciplinary clinical team, including staff who resigned from the service, have been invited to provide evidence; whether a report will be published; and the expected timeframe for its completion.

PQ68973/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with an intellectual disability who are currently inpatients in acute or other hospitals where the admission or continued hospital stay is related to significant behavioural challenges or distress levels; the number of these children who have been in hospital for more than one month, three months and six months, by Health Region; and the number who remain in hospital pending appropriate disability supports or residential provision.

PQ68974/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

893. To ask the Minister for Health if she supports expanding the Medical Cannabis Access Programme (MCAP) to ensure that more people affected by severe chronic illnesses can access cannabis in circumstances where other treatments have failed to relieve symptoms; and if she supports expanding MCAP to support those who have been impacted by endometriosis.

PQ68953/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

894. To ask the Minister for Health the planned date for the opening by CORU of the register for psychotherapists and counsellors.

PQ68902/26 | LIAM QUAIDE

Chun an Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

895. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding the planned graduate entry medicine loan scheme or other schemes of financial support for such students.

PQ68228/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

896. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the financial measures to support students who wish to pursue postgraduate studies; and the number of such students who received these supports in 2025-2026.

PQ68226/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

897. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the protections in place for students undertaking higher or further education programmes delivered by private or overseas education and training providers where a provider ceases trading or enters liquidation; whether students are protected against losing substantial fees or being left without a route to complete a qualification; and, in light of the situation involving the academy of play and child psychotherapy, whether he will review the existing arrangements and consider additional safeguards for students in Ireland.

PQ68207/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

898. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the protections or avenues of redress available to students in Ireland who have paid substantial fees towards play therapy qualifications delivered through the academy of play and child psychotherapy, which has entered voluntary liquidation; whether his Department can assist affected students in identifying the options available to them in respect of fees already paid; and if he will engage with the relevant insolvency practitioners to establish information and assistance that can be provided to affected students.

PQ68204/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

899. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department is aware that students who were due to commence play therapy training in Cork in September 2026 following the liquidation of an organisation (details supplied); the discussions he has had with University College Cork and other relevant bodies regarding a pathway for these students to commence or continue their studies; and whether the Government can assist in securing an alternative recognised pathway for these students.

PQ68206/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

900. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the discussions his Department have had with organisations (details supplied) and other relevant higher education and professional bodies regarding arrangements to allow students to complete their qualifications, including clinical placements, supervision and assessments; and whether he is satisfied that all affected Irish students have a viable pathway to complete the programmes for which they enrolled.

PQ68205/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

901. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement his Department has had with organisations (details supplied) and other relevant bodies following the voluntary liquidation in August 2026, which has left more than 100 students in Ireland facing uncertainty regarding their qualifications, clinical placements and fees paid; and the guidance or assistance the Government can provide to these students.

PQ68203/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

902. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which the estimated annual funding gap of €307 million identified in 'Funding the Future' May 2022 has been addressed; the reason for the full funding requirement has not yet been met; the total estimated annual funding shortfall facing the higher education sector, taking into account the outstanding core funding gap and related commitments in respect of demographic growth, pension liabilities, pay and industrial relations cost pressures; the methodology for ascertaining same; and the projected timeline for addressing the remaining funding shortfall in full.

PQ68379/26 | IVANA BACIK

903. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the growth in student enrolments across the higher education sector in each year since 2022; the number of additional student places funded by the State in each year since 2022; the total Exchequer funding allocated in respect of demographic growth in each year since 2022, in tabular form; and the proportion of additional enrolments for which funding was provided.

PQ68377/26 | IVANA BACIK

904. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether his Department, the Higher Education Authority, or agencies under his remit have undertaken an assessment of whether the allocation of places to non-EU students in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy or veterinary medicine has reduced the number of places available to Irish students; if such assessments have been undertaken, to provide copies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68442/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

905. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Irish/EU and non-EU students enrolled in graduate entry veterinary medicine at University College Dublin in each academic year since 2017/2018; the annual tuition fee charged to each category; whether additional publicly funded EU places have been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68446/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

906. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether he is satisfied that the current balance between EU and non-EU undergraduate medical students at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland aligns with national workforce planning objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68445/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

907. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science whether the 612 additional healthcare education places announced in August 2026 are restricted to Irish and EU students; if not, the number that may be allocated to non-EU students; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68444/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

908. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 788 of 14 May 2026 relating to pharmacy student numbers, to provide an update on the tabular data referred to; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68441/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

909. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 787 of 14 May 2026, to provide an update on the dentistry enrolment table referenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68440/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

910. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the annual tuition fees charged to non-EU students in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy and veterinary medicine programmes in each higher education institution for each of the years from 2021-2022 to 2026-2027; whether this information has been sought from the institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68439/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

911. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the approved intake capacity and number of available first-year places, as distinct from actual enrolments, for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy and veterinary medicine programmes in each higher education institution in each academic year from 2021-2022 to 2026-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68438/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

912. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Irish citizens, excluding other EU, UK and Northern Ireland students, enrolled in first year medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physiotherapy and veterinary medicine programmes in each higher education institution in each academic year from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68437/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

913. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of money that has been spent since 2020 by his Department or by HEI's on procurement or consultancy on student accommodation that has not proceeded; and the reason the projects have not proceeded.

PQ68482/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

914. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider establishing or facilitating a coordinated engagement between the affected students, the University of Chichester, University College Cork, the relevant professional bodies and the liquidators of the Academy of Play and Child Psychotherapy, with a view to identifying a practical pathway for affected students to complete their qualifications and clinical placements; and if he will outline what role his Department can play in assisting students who have invested significant sums in these programmes and are now facing circumstances outside of their control.

PQ68208/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

915. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which the Government's strategy for the funding of higher education is predicated on continued growth in international student fee income; whether the Department has assessed the vulnerability of higher education institutions to a downturn in international student demand; and the findings of any such assessment.

PQ68551/26 | JEN CUMMINS

916. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide details in tabular form of total international non-EU students enrolled in Irish higher education institutions each year since 2021/22 and the related international fee income.

PQ68550/26 | JEN CUMMINS

917. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reasons the level of additional funding provided to address the Funding the Future funding gap has reduced in recent budgets; the reasons the multiannual funding commitments announced in Budget 2025 in respect of closing that funding gap were not fully reflected in Budget 2026; whether he remains committed to fully addressing the annual core funding requirement identified in Funding the Future; and the timeframe within which this is expected to be achieved.

PQ68548/26 | JEN CUMMINS

918. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to review correspondence (details supplied) regarding students; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68547/26 | DANNY HEALY-RAE

919. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a DARE application (details supplied) was refused.

PQ68546/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

920. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for capital investment in higher education facilities in county Leitrim over the next three years.

PQ68644/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

921. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amount detailed in HEI's 2025 annual accounts for non-compliant procurement, revenue payments and write-offs; and if he is concerned by this amount.

PQ68641/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

922. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department are implementing Action 11 of the 'Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Higher Education Institutions Implementation Plan 2022 – 2024', which recommended to conduct a feasibility study in relation to the formation of a panel of trained and skilled external investigators to investigate cases of sexual violence and harassment against staff and students.

PQ68711/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

923. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to report on a case (details supplied).

PQ68735/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

924. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in light of closer links between the European Union and Canada, if he would consider the development of a student and teacher exchange programme between Ireland and Canada, involving Irish schools and youth groups; and if he would encourage such a development as part of the erasmus programme.

PQ68532/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

925. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science in relation to the SUSI Special Rate Maintenance Grant, if he will consider some flexibility, based on individual circumstance rather than a rigid income cut off, even allowing some lee-way on appeal depending on circumstances to better support people in education, especially where they live at home and their parents have modest pensions which put them over the income threshold, noting that in the North of Ireland and England there are taper elements to maintenance supports; and if he will consider some limited discretion or a taper process.

PQ68881/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

926. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to provide the growth in student enrolments across the higher education sector in each year since 2022, in tabular form; the number of additional student places funded by the State in each year since 2022, in tabular form; the total Exchequer funding allocated in respect of demographic growth in each year since 2022, in tabular form; and the proportion of additional enrolments for which funding was provided.

PQ68972/26 | IVANA BACIK

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

927. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will consider including an area of Clare (details supplied) in the next CLÁR programme expansion; if it was assessed for inclusion during the recent review; what criteria would need to be met for the area to be considered for approval in the next review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68040/26 | CATHAL CROWE

928. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the level of additional funding he plans to seek for the Irish language and Gaeltacht sector in Budget 2027; the measures being considered to support the implementation of the Government's language objectives and An Plean Fáis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ67999/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

929. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht in the context of Budget 2027, his plans to support community cafes or shops; particularly in relation to staffing costs.

PQ68128/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

930. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if capital grants are available to community cafes or shops to carry out property repairs or maintenance; and if any such streams that were previously opened, will be opened again.

PQ68127/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

931. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the potential funding streams available to community cafes or shops to hire staff; and if such streams that were previously opened, will be opened again.

PQ68125/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

932. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht what plans are in place for the Community Development Programme beyond 2026; whether consideration is being given, in the context of Budget 2027, to providing multi-annual funding and reviewing the level of core funding provided to projects under the programme.

PQ68339/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

933. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he will provide a grant scheme for Men's Sheds to assist with their overhead and running costs for the period 1 May 2025 to 31 December 2026.

PQ68341/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

934. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht about future funding of volunteer centres through the New Communities Fund and whether additional funding streams will be used to promote integration.

PQ68530/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

935. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the measures being considered by his Department in the context of Budget 2027 to further support the Irish language and Gaeltacht sectors; and if consideration is being given to increasing funding for organisations operating in these sectors.

PQ68526/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

936. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil tús curtha leis an staidéar indéantachta maidir le seirbhís chomhroinnte aistriúcháin mar atá geallta sa Phlean Náisiúnta um Sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge, agus an dáta faoina mbeidh torthaí an staidéir sin ar fáil; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ68456/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

937. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil tús curtha leis an staidéar indéantachta maidir le moil seirbhíse agus clinicí le haghaidh seirbhísí poiblí i nGaeilge, mar atá geallta sa Phlean Náisiúnta um Sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge, agus an dáta faoina mbeidh torthaí an staidéir sin ar fáil; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ68455/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

938. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil córas curtha i bhfeidhm maidir le cóitseálaithe teanga agus curaidh teanga mar atá geallta sa Phlean Náisiúnta um Sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ68458/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

939. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil tús curtha leis an gcóras ilphointe aitheantais do dhaoine le Gaeilge sa státchóras mar atá geallta sa Phlean Náisiúnta um Sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge, agus an dáta faoina mbeidh an córas sin i bhfeidhm; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ68457/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

940. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil grúpa oibre eárnála don tríú leibhéal ceaptha, nó faoi cén dáta a gceapfar é, mar atá geallta sa Phlean Náisiúnta um Sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ68460/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

941. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, agus Gaeltachta an bhfuil tús curtha leis an staidéar indéantachta maidir le rogha teanga na saoránach a chlárú in aon áit amháin, agus faoi cén dáta a mbeidh torthaí ar fáil ina leith, mar atá geallta sa Phlean Náisiúnta um Sheirbhísí Poiblí Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh.

PQ68459/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

942. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the estimated 2025 and 2026 Budget allocation for the Town and Village Renewal Scheme, in tabular form.

PQ68653/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

943. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 66834/26 and 66836/26 to provide the figures for 2024 and to date in 2026, which were omitted from the table provided; the amount of the €1 million made available under the 2025 Local Enhancement Programme that was paid to Men's Sheds as distinct from other community groups; whether a dedicated running costs grant for Men's Sheds will open in 2026; the timeframe for a decision on the proposal received from the Irish Men's Shed Association on 21 September 2026; and the provision being sought in Budget 2027.

PQ68784/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

944. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if he has considered proposals from Irish language and Gaeltacht organisations seeking additional funding for the Irish language and the Gaeltacht in Budget 2027; and the approach being taken by his Department to such proposals in the budgetary process.

PQ68868/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

945. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht whether any funding under the town and village renewal scheme or any other scheme funded by the Department has been provided to businesses whose primary activity is the retail of vaping products, e-cigarettes or nicotine inhaling products; if his Department will request from each local authority the number and value of any such supports in each year from 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68768/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

946. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht If he has engaged with the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation regarding funding requirements for the Irish language and Gaeltacht sectors in the context of Budget 2027; and if consideration is being given to providing additional Exchequer resources for these sectors.

PQ68527/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

947. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht if additional funding will be allocated in Budget 2027 to support his Department given that an additional €57.7 million has been recommended through An Plean Fais; and if he will commit to providing this level of additional funding.

PQ69448/26 | ROBERT TROY