



DÁIL ÉIREANN

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CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY****Chun an Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála: To the Foreign Affairs and Trade**

1. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on the implementation of Ireland's Diaspora Strategy 2026 - 2030.

PQ69242/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

2. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade further to reports from a recent cross-party delegation of 7 Oireachtas members to the trial of an Irish citizen in Germany, where delegates observed serious procedural issues, and further to her personal assurances that she would be 'monitoring' and 'keeping a very close eye' and providing 'direct oversight', 'fair oversight', 'full sight' over the trial, the way in which exactly she can provide this without consular observers attending the trial, given the absence of a neutral court transcript, and given that trial observation does not constitute an intervention under the Vienna Convention.

PQ69687/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

3. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her position regarding the continued illegal settlement construction by Israel on Palestinian territory; and the dialogue she has with EU counterparts regarding same.

PQ69241/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

4. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the engagement she has had with her British counterpart, the British Ambassador, and the NI Secretary Chris Bryant over the events of the past few days surrounding the Garvaghy Road in Portadown.

PQ69715/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

5. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps being taken by her Department to recognise and further strengthen Ireland's historic, cultural and diplomatic relationship with France, as Ireland's closest European Union neighbour; and whether consideration is being given to initiatives to mark the historic links and friendship between the two countries.

PQ69692/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS****Chun an Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála: To the Foreign Affairs and Trade**

6. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on discussions regarding the EU Budget at the last meeting of the General Affairs Council.

PQ69091/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

7. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on her recent meeting with a company (details supplied) and its relevance to Ireland's foreign affairs and trade policy in relation to AI, digital deregulation and big tech.

PQ69240/26 | PAUL MURPHY

8. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the merits of establishing embassies in all EU Accession Countries with a view to increasing diplomatic relations as negotiations on their prospective memberships continue.

PQ68253/26 | BARRY WARD

9. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action being taken by her Department to reduce the current re-processing timeline of a passport application where a query is raised, in view of the fact that when an additional information request is made, the application is paused until such time as the new documentation is received and processed, which can add an additional 15 working days to an application.

PQ69138/26 | COLM BURKE

10. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland is progressing EU enlargement.

PQ69008/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

11. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for the up to date position on the tariff on Irish whiskey exported to the United States; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69128/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

12. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her Department's priorities in negotiating the Multi-annual Financial Framework.

PQ69077/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

13. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her assessment of the recent parliamentary elections in the Russian Federation.

PQ69026/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

14. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the current status of Ireland's advocacy at EU level for a durable ceasefire and humanitarian access in Gaza; and whether the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Act 2026. remains on course for enactment;

PQ69262/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

15. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the mobile maternity unit fundraised for by an organisation (details supplied).

PQ69230/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

16. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on the discussions she has had on legacy issues with the new Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

PQ69041/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

17. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on her attendance at the European Forum Alpbach 2026.

PQ69011/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

18. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland intends to support the deepening of EU-Canada trade and economic relations, including through CETA, in advance of the forthcoming EU-Canada summit.

PQ69319/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

19. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether concerns about energy affordability and security are being raised in Ireland's international engagements on digital investment and data centre development.

PQ69367/26 | PA DALY

20. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the engagement she has had with the British government concerning the Garvaghy Road parade dispute.

PQ69339/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

21. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the international engagement undertaken since the American and Israeli war on Iran from a point of view of the impact of the war on the price of critical goods including oil.

PQ68202/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

22. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress that will be made on implementing the Draghi report during Ireland's presidency.

PQ69340/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

23. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the action she is taking alongside EU partners to support the important work of Russian civil society organisations, human rights defenders and independent media.

PQ69027/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

24. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of staff that are currently accredited to the Embassy of the Russian Federation.

PQ69297/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

25. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the progress made on implementing the Action Plan on Market Diversification.

PQ69318/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

26. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on Ireland's engagement with international partners in responding to the ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis in Sudan.

PQ69165/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

27. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the current measures and future plans being taken to strengthen the State's capacity to provide emergency consular assistance and evacuation support to Irish citizens abroad during conflicts, natural disasters and other major crises; and whether lessons from recent international emergencies have identified any gaps in the current system.

PQ69348/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

28. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on discussions regarding Moldova joining the European Union.

PQ68997/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

29. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland and its European Union partners will use all possible diplomatic avenues and approaches to address the Republic of Türkiye's persecution of LGBTQ+ persons.

PQ69286/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

30. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on the discussions on Ukraine at the most recent EU Foreign Affairs council.

PQ69031/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

31. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade given that Ireland has presidency of the EU, if she will do everything possible to end the conflict and genocide in Gaza.

PQ69363/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

32. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on her Department's recent engagements with the government of Ukraine in relation to the ongoing conflict.

PQ69249/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

33. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on Ireland's EU Presidency; and the way in which Irish priorities are being advanced.

PQ69016/26 | SEAN FLEMING

34. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has engaged with the German government in regard to persons (details supplied).

PQ69079/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

35. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on her monitoring of the trial of a person (details supplied).

PQ69362/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

36. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the need to block trade with illegal settlements in the Palestinian West Bank; her views on the need to freeze assets of companies who support the genocide in Gaza; and to sanction members of the IDF and Israeli Ministers.

PQ69381/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

37. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has begun any internal planning concerning future constitutional change.

PQ69351/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

38. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she has advocated for the use of the EU blocking mechanism to protect US citizens in Europe facing sanctions from the Trump administration.

PQ69075/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

39. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views that there are infringements on the right to protest in Germany in relation to the right of people to protest in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

PQ69380/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

40. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on the EU budget talks at the General Affairs Council in Brussels on 22 September 2026.

PQ68987/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

41. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the Department's role in implementing the Government Action Plan on Market Diversification; and the measures being taken through Ireland's diplomatic network to support Irish SMEs and indigenous businesses seeking to access new export markets.

PQ69278/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

42. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of times she has met with the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland in the past 12 months.

PQ68493/26 | THOMAS GOULD

43. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a report from the UN General Assembly.

PQ69081/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

44. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on efforts to increase aid supplies crossing the border into Gaza.

PQ69232/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

45. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade when the next meeting of the EU General Affairs Council will take place; and the likely agenda for the meeting.

PQ69059/26 | PETER 'CHAP' CLEERE

46. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions she intends to take to raise the recent crackdown on LGBTQ+ activists in the Republic of Türkiye.

PQ69282/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

47. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her response to the recent attempted drone attack at Leipzig airport.

PQ69030/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

48. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures her Department is taking to strengthen engagement between the Irish Diaspora and regional communities such as Galway; and the way in which the Government is supporting regions to use their international and diaspora connections to generate economic, cultural and community opportunities.

PQ67437/26 | PETER ROCHE

49. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures being taken through Ireland's diplomatic network and international trade engagement to promote and diversify overseas market opportunities for Irish agricultural and agri-food exports.

PQ69280/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

50. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her position on the banning of political parties by Israel's Central Elections Committee ahead of elections there next month.

PQ69251/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

51. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps her Department is taking to support the work of the International Criminal Court and to oppose the sanctions currently being imposed on judges and prosecutors in the ICC by the United States.

PQ69074/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

52. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if the Government will be maintaining or increasing current levels of foreign aid funding in Budget 2027.

PQ69231/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

53. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on her engagements with members and representative groups of the diaspora community; and if she has discussed driver license exchange in such engagements.

PQ69326/26 | CATHY BENNETT

54. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland is advancing proposals for the reform of United Nations structures.

PQ68948/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

55. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade whether she is aware that organisers of the latest Freedom Flotilla to Gaza have been imprisoned in Tunisia (details supplied); and whether she will make representations to the ambassador and government of Tunisia calling for their release.

PQ69350/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

56. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the current situation in Cuba and the Government's position regarding same.

PQ69245/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

57. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she accepts the important role that embassies abroad play for Irish citizens in visa application processes and what measures are being taken by her Department to improve response times and customer service standards across the diplomatic and visa systems.

PQ69103/26 | SEÁN KYNE

58. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she is concerned about practices at the trial of an Irish Citizen in Germany (details supplied).

PQ69379/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

59. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on the support she has provided the Department of Transport regarding the Programme for Government commitment to work to facilitate the easier return to Ireland for emigrants including reciprocal driving licence arrangements with the USA, Australia and Canada.

PQ69290/26 | MATT CARTHY

60. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the Government's position on the United States' embargo against Cuba; the representations made by Ireland through the European Union, the United Nations and in the most recent bilateral engagements with US officials in the past two months.

PQ69237/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

61. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on her attendance at the United Nations High-Level Week.

PQ68947/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

62. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the key messages she is advancing during her engagements in New York regarding the importance of maintaining stable transatlantic trade relationships and diversifying Ireland's export markets in the context of ongoing uncertainty in the global trading environment.

PQ69101/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

63. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she plans to revisit the advice of the Attorney General in regard to the Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Bill 2026, following the UK government's decision to sanction both goods and services.

PQ69078/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

64. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will report on the engagement she has had with an Irish citizen on trial in Germany (details supplied) who is part of the 'Ulm 5'.

PQ69377/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

65. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the assessment that has been made of the impact of climate change on global food security; and the role Ireland is playing in international efforts to address this challenge.

PQ69366/26 | PA DALY

66. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on the Shared Island Civic Society Fund.

PQ68957/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

67. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her response to the recent removal of EU sanctions from a number of Russian businesspeople.

PQ69020/26 | SEAN FLEMING

68. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to comment on the Irish delegations' participation at the recent UN Assembly meeting; and her response to the Prime Minister of Israel's speech.

PQ69361/26 | MARK WARD

69. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the current situation in Lebanon and the Government's position regarding same.

PQ69244/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

70. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on her recent engagements regarding the EU-Israel Association Agreement; and the possible sanctions to be taken against Israel on the basis of its actions against the Palestinian people.

PQ68201/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

71. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will outline efforts to advance Ireland's trade priorities during engagements in New York.

PQ68433/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

72. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has assessed whether Ireland is out of step with other European Union member states in not maintaining a trade or representative office in Taiwan; and if consideration has been given to reopening an Irish Trade and Cultural Office in Taipei to strengthen economic, trade, cultural and links with Taiwan.

PQ69001/26 | SEÁN KYNE

73. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which she is promoting diplomatic and trade relations with Barbados.

PQ68995/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

74. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for an update on the new Diaspora Strategy.

PQ68960/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

75. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if her Department has been in contact with Irish citizens in Turkey, following the recent crackdowns.

PQ68429/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

76. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the position regarding the war in Iran and the Gulf region.

PQ69248/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

77. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will consider opening a passport office in the North.

PQ69331/26 | CATHY BENNETT

78. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which she has raised the issue to advance the case for Irish re-unification internationally.

PQ67874/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

79. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will provide an update on the British Government's response to the State's ongoing request for full disclosure and access to all relevant documents concerning the Dublin Monaghan bombings of 17 May 1974.

PQ69164/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

80. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if Ireland will increase foreign aid in Budget 2027.

PQ69080/26 | DUNCAN SMITH

81. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the countries with which the State has reciprocal recognition of drivers licenses for the purposes of exchange, which her Department has provided assistance to the Department of Transport regarding; and the countries for with which they are currently providing assistance with a view to securing same.

PQ69298/26 | MATT CARTHY

82. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to report on her Department's engagements, if any, with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration in relation to the Ireland-Palestine Scholarship Programme which the Department of Foreign Affairs co-administers; if she believes the programme has been undermined by the refusal of visas to Palestinian students offered places under the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69247/26 | PAUL MURPHY

83. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the way in which Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union is being used to showcase Galway and other regions outside Dublin; and the opportunities being provided for regional communities to participate in and benefit from Ireland's Presidency.

PQ67436/26 | PETER ROCHE

84. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of passport applications that have been received from County Cork to date in 2026; the number of first-time applications and renewals; and the way in which these figures compare with the same period in 2025.

PQ69309/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

85. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her plans to support the establishment of embassies in all EU Accession Countries with a view to increasing diplomatic relations as negotiations on their prospective memberships continue.

PQ68254/26 | BARRY WARD

86. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps her Department is taking to reach the 0.7% goal for Overseas Development Aid; and the engagements she has had with other EU member states on increasing their aid budgets.

PQ69073/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the actions she and her Department have taken diplomatically at EU and UN level to pursue global action on climate commitments and the Paris Agreement following the heatwaves, flooding, and other extreme weather events globally in recent months.

PQ69076/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade for a report on her attendance at the recent British-Irish Association annual conference.

PQ69043/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide an update on the plans for a new passport office in Cork; the anticipated timeline for its opening; the additional capacity and public services that are planned; and whether urgent passport appointments will be available.

PQ69292/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her response to recent Russian hybrid attacks against the European Union and its Member States.

PQ69295/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the trade priorities she will seek to advance during her meetings with international partners in New York and in advance of hosting EU Trade Ministers in Dublin next month.

PQ69102/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

92. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the reason rent is already being paid on the new passport office in Cork; and whether the new office will include a passport printer.

PQ68492/26 | THOMAS GOULD

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH TOSAÍOCHT DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to set out his plans to address the worsening homelessness crisis.

PQ69619/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider an emergency response to the growing number of people homeless in emergency accommodation and the very high estimates of those who are living in hidden homelessness; to outline the measures his Department is already taking; if he will declare the situation a crisis requiring an emergency and coordinated response; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69315/26 | RORY HEARNE

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to state when he will publish the legislation for the Celtic Tiger era building defects redress scheme.

PQ69620/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will take this winter to reverse rising homelessness; when the promised and delayed child and family homelessness action plan will be published; and the emergency measures he will take this winter to accelerate exits from emergency accommodation.

PQ68816/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority or Approved Housing Body's I.S. 465 building professional recommends Option 1 remediation (details supplied), his power to seek documentary evidence and request review by the Housing Agency can result in the original remediation recommendation being altered or overturned; the precise statutory basis for this additional oversight; the safeguards in place to ensure that the independent engineer's determination is not undermined by a subsequent administrative review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69666/26 | CHARLES WARD

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the housing assistance payment scheme will be extended to include the housing-asset owning parents of persons with additional needs and disabilities.

PQ69734/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS****Chun an Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht: To the Housing, Local Government and Heritage**

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department is taking to ensure that the delivery of large-scale housing developments is matched by the guaranteed provision of essential community infrastructure, including community centres, libraries, childcare and other local amenities; and whether additional funding or supports will be provided to areas experiencing significant population growth such as Belmayne and Clongriffin.

PQ69336/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the income eligibility limits for social housing in Cavan and Monaghan will be increased.

PQ69157/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being considered to increase the number of affordable to buy housing units provided by local councils.

PQ69263/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans to increase the number of cost rental units that will be provided in schemes by local authorities.

PQ69265/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

103. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans in place to expand access to affordable housing across North West Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69007/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

104. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide additional funding to Sligo County Council to enable the housing adaptation grant scheme to reopen to Priority 2 and Priority 3 applications, which have been paused for several months.

PQ68949/26 | EAMON SCANLON

105. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has responded to a letter sent to his Department by An Taisce about a proposed housing development (details supplied); and whether he intends to exercise the powers outlined in the letter by An Taisce.

PQ68197/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

106. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his targets for the delivery of social and affordable housing in County Monaghan in each of the years 2019 to 2025 and to date in 2026; the outturn; and his targets in each year until 2030.

PQ69300/26 | MATT CATHY

107. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional resources he will make available to assist people with chronic disabilities to find suitable housing.

PQ69353/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to give additional powers to local councillors in particular to strengthen Municipal Districts; and the functions he is planning to devolve.

PQ69113/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the action being taken to tackle vacancy and dereliction.

PQ69285/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role envisioned by his Department for artificial intelligence and quantum computing in predicting and responding to climate and weather events.

PQ65728/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if councils have been given housing targets; and if these targets are being monitored.

PQ69341/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures are in place to help older social housing tenants who wish to move from a larger home to a smaller, suitable home in their own community; and whether additional right sizing homes are planned for Cork Northwest.

PQ69268/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is planning to review the income criteria for cost rental.

PQ69029/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether a child spending months or years living in emergency accommodation is not merely a housing issue but a serious children's rights and equality issue; the assessment his Department has made of the impact of prolonged homelessness on children (details supplied); whether he is satisfied that the State is meeting its obligations to

children experiencing homelessness; and the specific measures he is taking to ensure that children do not spend their formative years living in emergency accommodation.

PQ65798/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider introducing legislation or regulations to make it mandatory for all new residential developments comprising of more than ten units to include solar energy systems, or alternative renewable energy technologies, together with battery storage facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69272/26 | PAULA BUTTERLY

116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's assessment of the purchase prices being sought for homes under affordable housing schemes in Galway County; his Departments views on whether such prices are genuinely affordable for average-income households in the county.

PQ68939/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the proposed establishment of national planning guidelines for solar energy developments.

PQ69123/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the policy for the number of car parking spaces to be delivered in new housing developments; if current public transport connectivity is taken into account or if it based on future routes; to outline the options for people who do not have a car parking space included in their accommodation; and if the current policy is being reviewed.

PQ69354/26 | MARK WARD

119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to change the regulations regarding back yard dwellings as the current regulations and guidelines mean that for the vast majority of households, if there is a class three building on the site it is not possible to have a dwelling and a modular unit.

PQ69266/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to ensure that defective concrete block remediation works in social housing are aligned with energy efficiency retrofit programmes to improve living standards and reduce energy costs for tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69159/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the delivery of cost-rental housing; the measures being taken to support local authorities and approved housing bodies in increasing supply; and his priorities for the further expansion of the cost-rental sector.

PQ69166/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable houses that have been delivered in County Meath in 2025 and to date in 2026; and his plans to increase the amount of affordable housing in County Meath.

PQ67875/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question 18281/26, if progress has been made on the review of the qualifying income thresholds for cost rental housing developments.

PQ67911/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline his proposals and associated targets to deliver age friendly housing in counties Cavan and Monaghan.

PQ69323/26 | CATHY BENNETT

125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish data on the collection of derelict sites levies in 2025.

PQ68565/26 | THOMAS GOULD

126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his priorities with regard to the provision of affordable housing.

PQ69015/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of projects approved under the Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund that have or are expected to commence construction in 2026.

PQ69220/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of the social housing income eligibility thresholds.

PQ69383/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has made an expression of interest in taking ownership of a castle (details supplied).

PQ68499/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government will extend the Uisce Éireann water connection waiver scheme beyond its current expiry date of 31 December 2026.

PQ69111/26 | BRIAN STANLEY

131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the number of direct build affordable homes that will be delivered in 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69311/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 48300/26, if he will outline the progress to date in upgrading water and sewage infrastructure in smaller towns and villages to enable the provision of housing.

PQ69276/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on commitments to build more cost rental units through the LDA, local authorities and Cost Rental Equity Loan funding to AHBs and embedding cost rental as a category of tenure on a permanent basis.

PQ69028/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on when a scheme will commence to relocate nine families, living in defective concrete block homes from a location (details supplied); when his Department officials will consult with the homeowners on the design of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68989/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will increase funding to the tenant-in-situ schemes for 2027.

PQ69357/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is considering increasing the current income limit thresholds for eligibility for social housing.

PQ69144/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the roll out of developer led wastewater treatment plants.

PQ69233/26 | BRIAN BRENNAN

138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the income band thresholds to qualify for social housing in Kerry, given that many lower income earners are outside of the social home income thresholds but unable to rent or buy as their incomes are too low.

PQ69349/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he intends to strengthen the powers available to local authorities to address persistent and serious anti-social behaviour in local authority housing, particularly in circumstances where neighbouring residents are subject to intimidation or are forced to leave their homes.

PQ69296/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase funding for local authority housing maintenance in Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69261/26 | PAUL MURPHY

141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the implementation of supports for owners of apartments and duplexes affected by fire safety, structural and other construction defects; the steps being taken to ensure affected owners are not left facing significant costs or delays while awaiting remediation.

PQ69345/26 | BARRY HENEGHAN

142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing commencements and completions there were in Cork in 2025; and the measures he is considering to accelerate supply and increase affordability.

PQ69129/26 | COLM BURKE

143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when planning guidelines for solar energy, particularly utility scale solar, will be published.

PQ64787/26 | DARREN O'ROURKE

144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options available to persons who need to replace their gas or oil boiler due to a breakdown, given DSP are refusing ENPs based on the assertion that his Departments grants should cover this, and all Housing Adaptation Grants are closed in County Louth at present because of funding restrictions, when SEAL warmer homes scheme currently has a 24-36 months to process.

PQ68198/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current position and timeframe for housing regeneration at locations (details supplied).

PQ68473/26 | AENGUS Ó SNODAIGH

146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether the towns of Kilcock, Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip have been considered as part of the review of the County Kildare property price ceiling under the first home scheme; and whether housing market conditions in these towns are examined in the context of the greater Dublin area.

PQ69118/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether HAP threshold limits will be increased; and a timeline for when this will happen.

PQ69281/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on planning guidelines for onshore renewables, including when the onshore wind delivery guidelines will be delivered, as well as the commitment in the Programme for Government to introduce solar planning guidelines; whether they will be delivered in 2027; and to provide a projected timeline for delivery.

PQ69374/26 | PA DALY

149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm if the high levels of data centre construction activity across the country are diverting water, utility, waste, and construction infrastructure and resources to facilitate the numbers of centres being built; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69301/26 | RORY HEARNE

150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the preparations undertaken by local authorities, including Mayo County Council in advance of the commencement of the defective concrete blocks social homes scheme 2026; whether he is satisfied that the local authorities have sufficient staffing and technical resources to deliver the scheme efficiently, in view of those who have already been waiting a considerable amount of time for remediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69158/26 | KEIRA KEOGH

151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to reduce downsizing and upsizing transfer waiting times in local authorities; and to outline his engagement with local authorities on this issue.

PQ69356/26 | MARK WARD

152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an overview of current tenant purchase schemes; and if the proceeds from them can be ringfenced for the construction of new social housing.

PQ69089/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the levels of child homelessness in Dublin.

PQ66827/26 | DANIEL ENNIS

154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines; and when he expects the updated guidelines to be published.

PQ66295/26 | PETER ROCHE

155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way he will ramp up the provision of affordable housing.

PQ69287/26 | JAMES O'CONNOR

156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the delivery of affordable purchase and cost rental homes in County Meath; and the opportunities he sees to build on that progress in towns such as Navan and Trim.

PQ69086/26 | AISLING DEMPSEY

157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will increase Exchequer funding for local authority home maintenance, in order to remove any justification for the recent rise in many local authority rents.

PQ69360/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding provided for Housing Adaptation Grants in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown since 2020.

PQ68990/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy changes he intends to introduce to ensure that cost rental homes are affordable to those currently locked out of the scheme due to the fact that they earn too much to access social housing but not enough to pass the affordability test for cost rental housing.

PQ69386/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make changes to the social housing application process to ensure it is more accessible for those with an intellectual disability.

PQ69250/26 | MAURICE QUINLIVAN

161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if work has been carried out to examine ways of reducing the cost of building a house.

PQ69343/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional support can be provided to Cork County Council to complete the taking in charge of unfinished housing estates in Cork North West, including outstanding roads, footpaths and public lighting.

PQ69269/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the measures to support the delivery of accessible and age-friendly housing for older people and persons with disabilities; and whether further steps are being considered to increase the availability of suitably designed homes, including one-bedroom units, within new housing developments.

PQ69167/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on reforms to environmental assessments for housing developments; and the expected impact on housing supply.

PQ68495/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being considered to make it easier for older people to adapt existing homes and remain living independently within their communities.

PQ66730/26 | GRACE BOLAND

166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the Land Development Agency's expanded remit; and the progress made in delivering affordable housing for purchase.

PQ68498/26 | NAOISE Ó MUIRÍ

167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the geographic spread of the starter home schemes by collaborating with local authorities to expand affordable purchase options in all counties.

PQ69024/26 | SEAN FLEMING

168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current income limits that apply for social housing applicants in counties Cavan and Monaghan; whether he will amend those limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69299/26 | MATT CARTHY

169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he will raise social housing income limits.

PQ69352/26 | RICHARD BOYD BARRETT

170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the long-promised legislation to reform the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process following the Law Reform Commission's 2023 recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69307/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to increase the qualifying income thresholds for social housing.

PQ69093/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

172. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he is seeking additional baseline supports for Galway County Council and Galway City Council's in Budget 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69017/26 | SEÁN KYNE

173. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether, as part of the review of property price ceilings under the first home scheme, the Department has examined housing affordability and new-home pricing trends in commuter-belt locations; and the factors taken into account when assessing the continued suitability of existing ceilings.

PQ69117/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

174. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm whether there will be a review of the local election boundaries in advance of the next local election.

PQ69127/26 | COLM BURKE

175. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a progress update report on the delivery of the affordable provision of housing as part of the development of a site (details supplied).

PQ67910/26 | JAMES GEOGHEGAN

176. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he intends to increase the average €11,000 cap on the Voids Return Programme.

PQ68563/26 | THOMAS GOULD

177. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's assessment of the purchase prices being sought for homes under affordable housing schemes in Galway City; his Departments views on whether such prices are genuinely affordable for average-income households in the city.

PQ68873/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

178. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a report on the Social Housing Retrofit Programme.

PQ69012/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

179. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the review of the defective concrete block grant scheme legislative review.

PQ69382/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

180. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for publishing the draft National Planning Statement on Wind Energy; the timeframe for the commencement of the public consultation; and the timeframe for its finalisation and implementation.

PQ67428/26 | PETER ROCHE

181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views that the defective concrete blocks grant scheme is now in contravention of the scientific evidence on the best way in which to remediate affected homes, in light of the revision of I.S. 465; and if he will

ensure that the current review of the scheme allows for public submissions, is completed as soon as possible and that the subsequent amendments to the scheme are drafted and processed through the Houses of the Oireachtas as soon as is practical.

PQ69005/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the Programme for Government commitment to repurpose the local authority affordable purchase scheme.

PQ69023/26 | SEAN FLEMING

183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown between commercial providers and social/affordable providers in delivering new housing places for people with complex needs in 2025 and to date in 2026.

PQ69238/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to state when he intends to publish the legislation for the Celtic Tiger era defective buildings redress scheme.

PQ69385/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is supportive of community led housing schemes and community land trusts in rural areas.

PQ69239/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that the Athy Municipal District's annual Local Property Tax allocation is due to reduce by approximately €217,000 from 2027 onwards; his views on the potential impact this may have on the delivery of local infrastructure and community projects; and if he will intervene to reverse this decision.

PQ69014/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to initiate a review and reform of the Multi Unit Developments Act 2011 and the Property Service Regulatory Authority.

PQ69384/26 | EOIN Ó BROIN

188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the up to date position of the review of the HAP payment bands; the progress made to date and expected timeline for implementation of any revised limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69002/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measurable impact the Housing Activation Office has had on accelerating housing delivery since its establishment.

PQ69219/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the explicit recommendations of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing report on homelessness his Department has accepted; the recommendations his Department has rejected or modified; and the exact timeline for the implementation of each of these recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ68818/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the social housing build target of 10,200 for 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69310/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is concerned at the impact raising council rents will have on households already suffering from the worsening of the cost of living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69259/26 | PAUL MURPHY

193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the efforts his Department is leading to work with relevant agencies of the State to address water quality issues at Lady's Island Lake; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69358/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware that the new rules proposed in the Language Impact Statement in the Sustainable Rural and Gaeltacht Housing Draft National Planning Statement will significantly reduce the number of Irish speakers allocated new homes in Gaeltacht multi-unit development (details supplied); the steps he will take to ensure that this section of the statement, which is opposed by Gaeltacht areas, is amended.

PQ69273/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is planning to undertake a review of the tenant-in-situ scheme.

PQ69034/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline his efforts to tackle dereliction.

PQ68511/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of householders that have been supported by Housing Adaptation Grants in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown since 2020.

PQ68994/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the roll out of affordable housing in Galway City Council and Galway County Council areas; his views on whether there are issues in supporting affordable schemes in rural areas and communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69018/26 | SEÁN KYNE

199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of the concerns that data centres are putting the delivery of housing at risk; the measures he is taking to ensure that he delivers housing targets in light of these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69365/26 | PA DALY

200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to ensure local authorities identify suitable sites for age-friendly housing developments within existing communities.

PQ66729/26 | GRACE BOLAND

201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether consideration will be given to providing State funding for interim or modular wastewater treatment infrastructure in towns where inadequate wastewater capacity is restricting the delivery of new housing, rather than requiring the full cost of such infrastructure to be borne initially by housing developers.

PQ69294/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the advancements he and his Department have made in 2025 and 2026 to expand and increase the provision of housing for adults with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69303/26 | RORY HEARNE

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

203. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the number of Irish persons in overseas prisons; and to detail the countries.

PQ69364/26 | EDWARD TIMMINS

204. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to clarify whether the Government supports a recent decision (details supplied).

PQ69433/26 | CAROL NOLAN

205. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade to list all countries where her Department is currently advising Irish citizens to avoid non-essential travel.

PQ69427/26 | CAROL NOLAN

206. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the measures Ireland is taking to support the safe evacuation of civilians from Oleshky in the Kherson region of occupied Ukraine.

PQ69713/26 | EOIN HAYES

207. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she intends to make a financial commitment to two initiatives (details supplied); if these financial commitments have been agreed; and if she intends to increase Ireland's contribution.

PQ69708/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

208. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on ongoing human rights abuses in Chechnya; and if her Department has raised these concerns with Russia or at multilateral fora.

PQ69587/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

209. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if a child born to an Irish parent abroad is entitled to Irish citizenship where the parent was also born abroad; the circumstances in which that birth must be registered in the Foreign Births Register in order to obtain a passport; if the requirement to register the birth in the Foreign Births Register to obtain a passport is waived in cases where the child has grandparents who are Irish citizens born in Ireland or in cases where there is difficulty obtaining a passport from another country to allow the child to travel home to Ireland.

PQ69573/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

210. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade if she will intervene in the processing of an urgent passport renewal for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69669/26 | GEORGE LAWLOR

211. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union's revised text of a proposal for an EU Regulation to amend the GDPR and other related EU laws (Interinstitutional File: 2025/0360 (COD)), which are due to be discussed and agreed this week, week ending 25 September 2026, if the Government will clarify the position on this matter.

PQ69703/26 | ROBERT TROY

212. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the rationale for the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union's draft text of amendments to GDPR with respect to AI developers' use of personal data (details supplied); and if she accepts that naming "legitimate interest" as a basis for AI developers to use people's personal data to build, train and run AI amounts to not requiring AI companies to ask for permission first.

PQ69709/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

213. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps her Department is taking to support the work of the International Criminal Court and to oppose the sanctions currently being imposed on Judges and Prosecutors in the ICC by the United States.

PQ69718/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

214. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade the steps her Department is taking to reach the 0.7% goal for Overseas Development Aid; and the engagements she has with other EU member states on increasing their Aid budgets.

PQ69717/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

215. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade her views on the war in Sudan and the Government's position regarding same.

PQ69243/26 | DONNCHADH Ó LAOGHAIRE

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

216. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the measures being taken by his Department to encourage households with solar panels to sell excess electricity back to the grid and if any phasing out or reduction in the current energy credit system is being considered.

PQ69394/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

217. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment in respect of the forthcoming transposition of Article 12 of Directive (EU) 2023/1791, whether data centre energy consumption, water consumption, renewable energy share and waste heat reuse information will be published on a site-by-site basis in Ireland or only in aggregated form; if he intends to lower the 500 kW reporting threshold as permitted under the Directive; the criteria his Department will apply in accepting claims of commercial confidentiality from operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69446/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

218. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will clarify whether the European Commission has issued any communication or reasoned opinion to Ireland regarding incomplete transposition of Directive (EU) 2023/1791, with particular reference to Article 12 on data centres; the date of such correspondence and Ireland's response; if he will outline the financial penalties if the matter is referred to the Court of Justice of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69445/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

219. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 186 of 6 March 2025 and 182 of 14 October 2025, in which transposition of Article 12 of the recast Energy Efficiency Directive (EU) 2023/1791 was expected by May 2025 and subsequently "in the near future", the specific date on which he will sign the Statutory Instrument transposing Article 12 and Annex VII; the reasons the previously stated timelines were not met; whether the draft regulations have been sent to the Office of the Attorney General; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69443/26 | AIDAN FARRELLY

220. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the number of the 183 direct jobs reported as having been created under the National Just Transition Fund remain in existence as of the latest available date.

PQ69551/26 | CAROL NOLAN

221. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if an allowance will be considered for newer homes that have already completed solar upgrades in terms of retrospectively providing grant support in the interest of fairness and in the context of forthcoming changes to eligibility for the SEAI grant (details supplied).

PQ69711/26 | BARRY WARD

222. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment with regard to energised grid-scale Li-BESS installation in the State, the mandatory operational safety standards that apply; and the act or statutory instruments which are imposed and enforceable.

PQ69610/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

223. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the financial pressures facing carers and low-income households experiencing energy arrears; if he will outline the supports currently available in such circumstances; and to indicate whether any additional measures are under consideration.

PQ69607/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

224. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment to provide the number of homes by County or Local Authority Area that have availed of each of the various energy efficiency grants, that is, solar panels, windows and doors, insulation during 2025.

PQ69588/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

225. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment with regard to energised grid-scale lithium-ion battery energy storage system (Li-BESS) installations in the State, if Ireland has designated the competent authority and notifying authority required under Regulation (EU) 2023/1542; if so, to identify those authorities; the dates on which they were designated; if not, when such designations will be made.

PQ69612/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

226. To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment if his Department has conducted economic and structural modelling on the potential loss of Ireland's carbon tax derogation under the EU Emissions Trading System 2 (ETS2) as set out in Directive (EU) 2023/959; if his Department has quantified the financial exposure to the State and to fuel consumers if a freeze or suspension of the domestic carbon tax causes Ireland to fall below the required EU price threshold.

PQ69558/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

Chun an Cosanta: To the Defence

227. To ask the Minister for Defence in respect of protected disclosures transmitted by the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner to the Department of Defence and/or Defence Forces in each of the years 2023, 2024 and 2025, to reconcile the figures provided with those in the Department's annual reports under section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014, including reported outcomes and decisions on investigations closed; and, where figures differ, to explain the discrepancy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69392/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

228. To ask the Minister for Defence in respect of protected disclosures transmitted by the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner to the Department of Defence and/or Defence Forces in 2023, 2024 and 2025, to provide, separately for each year and body, the number referred or transmitted to An Garda Síochána, another competent authority, regulator, prescribed person or other body; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69391/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

229. To ask the Minister for Defence in respect of protected disclosures transmitted by the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner to the Department of Defence and/or Defence Forces in 2023, 2024 and 2025, to provide, separately for each year and body, the number resulting in recommendations, remedial or corrective action, disciplinary or administrative action, policy or procedural changes, or other organisational action; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69390/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

230. To ask the Minister for Defence in respect of protected disclosures transmitted by the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner to the Department of Defence and/or Defence Forces in 2023, 2024 and 2025, to provide, separately for each year and body, the number in which relevant wrongdoing was found or substantiated, evidence of wrongdoing identified, and no relevant wrongdoing found; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69389/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

231. To ask the Minister for Defence in respect of protected disclosures transmitted by the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner to the Department of Defence and/or Defence Forces in 2023, 2024 and 2025, to provide, separately for each year and body, the number of investigations opened, the number closed, and the number remaining open at year-end; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69388/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

232. To ask the Minister for Defence in respect of protected disclosures transmitted by the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner to the Department of Defence and/or Defence Forces in 2023, 2024 and 2025, to provide, separately for each year and body, the number received, the number closed after initial assessment, and the number proceeding to further follow-up or investigation; and if she will make a statement on the matter

PQ69387/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

233. To ask the Minister for Defence whether, when purchasing the new Government jet, the Government decided that certain components designed or produced in the state of Israel should be omitted from the design of the aircraft; to state the reasons for this decision; and to state whether any analysis of the potential safety impacts of this decision was conducted before the Government took possession of the new jet.

PQ69432/26 | CAROL NOLAN

234. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will confirm where Defence Force reservists need to submit their application in advance, at short notice to get paid SMS, the mechanism that is available to them to submit an application electronically or otherwise in advance; and if she will confirm that this is acceptable by email rather than hard copy.

PQ69459/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

235. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will confirm that SMS pre deployment applications, that is Annex F & G -maintained at unit level, need to be submitted in advance in hard copy and physically signed in advance of activity; and the mechanism available when the office is not staffed given that SMS activities are covered by the yearly supplemental military service application (RDF Officers & Reservists – Annes A & B), (details supplied).

PQ69458/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

236. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will provide a breakdown of the average number of days paid to Defence Force personnel in the Army Reserve for 2026, excluding courses and annual training of five days or more (details supplied).

PQ69454/26 | MICHAEL COLLINS

237. To ask the Minister for Defence if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will additionally use her absolute discretion to dispose of a property to a named tenant of 40 years duration.

PQ69615/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

Chun an Iompair: To the Transport

238. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual revenue raised by Dublin Bus Route 15 in each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ69455/26 | TOM BRABAZON

239. To ask the Minister for Transport the average number of daily passengers on Dublin Bus Route H1, by day of week for each of the years 2022 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ69453/26 | TOM BRABAZON

240. To ask the Minister for Transport the current position regarding the new N8 Bus Service; and when this service is scheduled to commence.

PQ69456/26 | TOM BRABAZON

241. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is aware of difficulties reportedly experienced by Irish motor insurance policyholders seeking to temporarily add visiting non-EU licence holders as named drivers, including cases where insurer systems are unable to process foreign driving-licence numbers or international driving permits; and whether all insurers are expected to have arrangements to record and validate the licence number or other unique identifier of a foreign licence holder for the purposes of the Irish Motor Insurance Database.

PQ69481/26 | JOHN CLENDENNEN

242. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made to date in the delivery of the Cork Area Commuter Rail Programme under the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, in particular increasing train capacity for peak Midelton to City Centre services in view of growing commuter demand and overcrowding issues.

PQ69497/26 | COLM BURKE

243. To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has considered establishing a dedicated funding stream for border roads, recognising the strategic importance and additional pressures placed on roads connecting counties Cavan and Monaghan with Northern Ireland; and to provide details of the plans to increase funding for the maintenance and improvement of these roads.

PQ69505/26 | DAVID MAXWELL

244. To ask the Minister for Transport to review and increase the winter maintenance funding allocation provided to County Councils across Ireland, in order to ensure that the allocation adequately reflects the actual costs incurred by local authorities in delivering winter road maintenance services; to outline the current funding allocation provided to both Cavan County Council and Monaghan County Council for winter maintenance and the basis on which this allocation is calculated; and to confirm whether additional funding will be made available to address any shortfall between the allocation and the actual costs.

PQ69507/26 | DAVID MAXWELL

245. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will request the National Transport Authority to examine the feasibility of restoring or establishing direct weekend bus services from Belmullet and the wider Erris region to Galway, Limerick, Sligo and Dublin for third-level students, having regard to the lengthy journey times currently required, the limited transport alternatives available, and the need to ensure equal access to higher education for students living in remote rural communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69549/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

246. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to improve public transport links for third level students travelling from the Erris region of County Mayo to major education centres including Galway and Limerick; whether the National Transport Authority has assessed the impact of the absence of direct services from Belmullet and the wider Erris area; whether consideration is being given to introducing dedicated weekend student services during the academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69548/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

247. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to reduce toll costs or implement a refund scheme for students commuting to universities via driving on motorways.

PQ69541/26 | ROBERT TROY

248. To ask the Minister for Transport when the independent appeals process will be in place for applicants who have been refused payment under the road transport support scheme.

PQ69710/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

249. To ask the Minister for Transport whether he plans to engage with TII and NTA for the purpose of introducing efficient routes for essential night bus services from the City Centre to areas of Dublin Rathdown constituency, including Dundrum, Stillorgan, and Ballyogan, so that late-night workers have safe and reliable public transport after work.

PQ69627/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

250. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to engage with TII for the purpose of extending Luas operating hours past midnight, and introducing a permanent late-night Luas service.

PQ69626/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

251. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the National Vehicle and Driver File, Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2026; the remaining steps required before its enactment; and the timeframe within which he expects the Bill to be enacted.

PQ69562/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

252. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the ongoing expansion of average-speed and static safety cameras on the national road network; the number of additional cameras planned, their expected deployment timeframe; and the consideration being given to further expansion on high-risk routes.

PQ69561/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

253. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the proposed development of a Road Safety Commissioner as part of reforms to strengthen road safety governance and oversight; and to outline the progress made in considering the role, functions and statutory basis of such a Commissioner.

PQ69560/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

254. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports available for the installation of electric vehicle charging points at further and higher education institutions.

PQ69579/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

Chun an Airgeadais: To the Finance

255. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance his views that the current eligibility criteria for a primary medical certificate (PMC) under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme, results in an inequity whereby persons who are blind or severely visually impaired do not qualify for the scheme despite facing significant mobility and transport challenges; if he will engage with the Minister of State with responsibility for Disability to review and amend the regulations governing the scheme to include persons with severe visual impairments.

PQ69399/26 | SEÁN KYNE

256. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance to list specific examples from January 2020 to date of where he or his predecessors have followed advice (details supplied).

PQ69426/26 | CAROL NOLAN

257. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the total amount of tax revenue received by the State from the private rental sector in each of the years 2020 to 2025 and to date in 2026, including income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax and any other relevant taxation receipts; the extent to which his Department separately records taxation receipts attributable to the private rental sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69665/26 | EMER CURRIE

258. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider a tax credit or relief for childcare and school age childcare costs for working lone parents; the estimated full year cost of such a measure at various rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69657/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

259. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if there is any data on the level of debt in Ireland on Buy Now Pay Later and flexible payment plan options offered on apps and online, such as (details supplied).

PQ69584/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

260. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance if he will consider a financial literacy awareness campaign on Buy Now Pay Later and flexible payment plan options offered on apps and online, such as (details supplied).

PQ69583/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

261. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance the level of regulation in place on Buy Now Pay Later and flexible payment plan options offered on apps and online such as (details supplied).

PQ69582/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

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

262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether he has sought or received advice regarding a requirement (details supplied); whether the consumer and affordability implications of this requirement have been assessed by his Department or by the Regulator; and whether consideration has been given to permitting consumers to purchase a single line at the standard €2 per-line price.

PQ69466/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation whether the projected 2026 Departmental overruns have been factored into the fiscal parameters for Budget 2027; the extent to which the overspend will be carried into 2027 allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69660/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation for an update on the development of the new Regional Veterinary Laboratory in Sligo and the appointment of a design team by OPW; the current status of the project; the anticipated timeline for planning, tendering and construction; and the expected completion date.

PQ69622/26 | EAMON SCANLON

265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline plans for the renovation of a Garda station (details supplied); when the redevelopment is expected to begin; and the total amount currently earmarked for completion of the project.

PQ69501/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation to outline the progress made, and total cost to date, with respect to the upgrade of a Garda Station (details supplied).

PQ69492/26 | NOEL MCCARTHY

267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation the projected 2026 overspend for each Department against its approved gross allocation; the total value of supplementary estimates expected to be sought before the end of 2026, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69930/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

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

268. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment the way in which the Government is using or will use Artificial Intelligence to reduce inequality in society.

PQ69589/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

269. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment his views on the development of a Basic Income Strategy for Ireland, particularly in the context of developments in Artificial Intelligence and other technologies.

PQ69590/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

Chun an Oideachais agus Óige: To the Education and Youth

270. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to urgently address issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) and allow for financial security/protections for young teachers, specifically maternity protection for teachers who have accumulated years of service but do not hold permanent contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69411/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

271. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has plans to introduce a recourse mechanism for students who miss out on their CAO choice due to administrative errors by the State Examinations Commission such as not applying spelling and grammar waiver to a Leaving Certificate Examination paper.

PQ69435/26 | TOM BRABAZON

272. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the formal alternative infrastructure the State Examinations Commission is establishing to authenticate additional assessment components for home educated and medically vulnerable candidates without requiring them to self-source school permissions from schools who have not been given guidance on this scenario.

PQ69525/26 | TOM BRABAZON

273. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the rationale behind recent changes to the SEN school transport escort payment guidelines whereby escorts are paid only for Department-approved journey time; if she acknowledges that many escorts are required to travel for significant periods before the first child is collected without remuneration; if she is concerned that this may worsen existing recruitment and retention difficulties in a service already experiencing shortages; and if she will review the policy to ensure escorts are fairly compensated for all time spent on duty in providing school transport for children.

PQ69538/26 | PÁDRAIG O'SULLIVAN

274. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to clarify the meaning of the 23:1 primary staffing figure measures; whether it includes special education teachers; the way in which it differs from the overall pupil-teacher ratio and average mainstream class size; and to provide the latest available number of mainstream primary classes with 30 to 35 pupils and with 36 or more pupils.

PQ69680/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

275. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures her Department is taking to address workload and burnout associated with special education provision; and whether she will establish a protocol ensuring that significant policy changes and guidance are communicated to schools during term time and normal working hours, with adequate consultation and implementation time.

PQ69679/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

276. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the arrangements in place to ensure that teachers receive appropriate training, funded release time and implementation support before changes to national special education policies or guidelines take effect; and whether she will commit to providing this training in advance of future changes.

PQ69678/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

277. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the guidance that governs the frequency and duration of special education teacher support for pupils with dyslexia; whether any minimum provision applies; whether she will consider guidance providing for three to five hours of support weekly were warranted by assessed educational need; and the way in which consistent support is protected where schools face competing demands.

PQ69677/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

278. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will review the case for reintroducing high-and low-incidence categories in determining special education resources; and the way in which she will ensure that pupils' identified needs are adequately reflected in allocations regardless of their school's socioeconomic profile.

PQ69676/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

279. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the mechanisms that allow mainstream primary schools to report new or increased special educational needs and seek additional special education teacher hours between allocation cycles; the criteria and timelines for reviewing such requests; and whether she will introduce a regularly updated school-level needs reporting system.

PQ69675/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

280. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth to set out the indicators and weightings used to determine special education teacher allocations in mainstream primary schools; the reference year and frequency of updating each dataset; and the way in which the model accounts for the actual number and complexity of pupils' additional educational needs.

PQ69674/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

281. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether she will introduce a standalone special educational needs coordinator position in mainstream schools, with appropriate remuneration, specialist training and ring-fenced non-teaching time proportionate to each school's needs.

PQ69673/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

282. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she is aware of the difficulties being experienced by many newly qualified post-primary teachers in attaining work in schools in order to complete the Droichead induction process; and whether she has any plans to make the Droichead induction process easier to access.

PQ69712/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

283. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the school place capacity for the Carpenterstown and Castleknock School Planning Areas for September 2027 versus demand, in tabular form.

PQ69707/26 | EMER CURRIE

284. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage regarding the need to provide permanent accommodation at a school.

PQ69704/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

285. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will provide details of funding available to primary schools for the replacement of outdated ICT equipment; and whether consideration is being given to increasing technology grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69656/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

286. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the measures being taken to provide suitable accommodation and teaching spaces for special education teachers in schools where supports are being delivered in corridors or other unsuitable locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69653/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

287. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the details of secondary school capacity, by school for the Carpenterstown and Castleknock School Planning Areas for September 2027 versus demand, in tabular form; and her plans to address lower admission figures at a school (details supplied).

PQ69647/26 | EMER CURRIE

288. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the detailed breakdown of all capital allocations given to schools in Tipperary in 2025 and 2026.

PQ69632/26 | ALAN KELLY

289. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth whether her Department has any plans to review Circular 29/2007, regarding incremental credit; and whether there is a timeline for same.

PQ69628/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

290. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth her Department's policy regarding an introduction of an expenses allowance for student teachers, in line with expenses allowed for qualified teachers.

PQ69625/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

291. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her Department has costed student teacher placement hours against that paid to final-year student nurses and midwives; and the results of any student teacher projection.

PQ69624/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

292. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the number of school placement hours worked by student teachers in the 2025-2026 academic year, broken down by county, in tabular form.

PQ69623/26 | SINÉAD GIBNEY

293. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will consider ring-fencing €12 million from the recently announced additional €35 million ICT funding allocation for schools to support the replacement and upgrading of computer equipment used for design and communication graphics (DCG) in post-primary schools; if her Department has assessed the adequacy of existing DCG computer infrastructure nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69617/26 | PEADAR TÓIBÍN

294. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth If she will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the adequacy of educational supports, special class provision and assistive technology for a child with a mild intellectual disability in County Kildare.

PQ69608/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

295. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if she will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the adequacy of special educational and SNA supports for a child with a hearing impairment and additional assessed needs who has recently commenced primary school; and the steps being taken by the NCSE to review the allocation of SNA resources to the school concerned.

PQ69616/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

296. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth when the tender report supplement for a school building project is expected to be submitted.

PQ69574/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

297. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth the supports available for the installation of electric vehicle charging points at schools.

PQ69578/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

298. To ask the Minister for Education and Youth if her attention has been drawn to concerns raised by PME students in relation to the structuring of their course and confusion related to qualifying modules (details supplied).

PQ69438/26 | BARRY WARD

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

299. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if there are circumstances when a club (details supplied) can qualify for tier 2 CCSF funding; and if this element is reserved for regional applications.

PQ69447/26 | ROBERT TROY

300. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; and when the first payments are expected to be made to successful applicants.

PQ69487/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

301. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants who applied for the basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; and when the first payments are expected to reach successful applicants.

PQ69486/26 | MARTIN KENNY

302. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to confirm specifically that the Kingston Park and Millers Lane application remains eligible for consideration from additional funding under the 2024 LSSIF round; to confirm its status on his Department's reserve list; and whether the granting of full planning approval by An Coimisiún Pleanála will now be reflected in his Department's assessment of the project's readiness and deliverability.

PQ69469/26 | SEÁN KYNE

303. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline when applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; when successful applicants are expected to receive their first payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69502/26 | NAOISE Ó CEARÚIL

304. Chun a fhiafraí den an Aire Cultúir, Cumarsáide agus Spóirt when applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process for the new round of basic income for the arts scheme; and when the first payments are expected to reach successful applicants.

PQ69498/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

305. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants for the new basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; and when the first payments are expected to reach successful applicants.

PQ69496/26 | CONOR D. MCGUINNESS

306. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants who applied for the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified of the selection process; and when first payments are expected.

PQ69495/26 | MICHAEL HEALY-RAE

307. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the position regarding the timeline for decisions on applicants that will be accepted into the basic income for the arts scheme (details supplied).

PQ69506/26 | BARRY WARD

308. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants to the new basic income for the arts scheme, which closed for applications on 12 May 2026, can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; the date on which the first payments will issue to successful applicants; whether payments will be backdated to September 2026 as previously indicated; and if he will provide a detailed timeline for the completion of the selection and payment process.

PQ69504/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

309. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants can expect notification regarding the basic income for the arts scheme 2026–2029; and when the first payments are expected to reach successful applicants.

PQ69493/26 | EAMON SCANLON

310. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when can applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; and when the first payments are expected to reach successful applicants (details supplied).

PQ69513/26 | TONY MCCORMACK

311. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants for the new basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; and when the first payments are expected to be paid to successful applicants.

PQ69512/26 | RUAIRÍ Ó MURCHÚ

312. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport regarding the basic income for the arts scheme, when can applicants expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process and; the date the first payments are expected to actually reach successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69509/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

313. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date by which applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme will be informed whether their applications have been successful.

PQ69508/26 | SEÁN CROWE

314. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme, which closed for applications on 12 May 2026, will be notified of the outcome of the selection process; when successful applicants will receive their first payment; and whether payments will be backdated to September 2026.

PQ69524/26 | JOHN PAUL O'SHEA

315. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process for the basic income for the arts scheme; and when the first payments are expected to reach successful applicants.

PQ69539/26 | MICHAEL FITZMAURICE

316. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport with regards to the basic income for the arts scheme, when will applicants be notified of the outcome of their applications; and when will payments commence.

PQ69555/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

317. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the number of applications received for the basic income for the arts scheme 2026 to 2029; the number deemed eligible to date; the number still under eligibility assessment; the number of Department staff assigned to processing applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69672/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

318. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date on which the first payments under the basic income for the arts scheme 2026 to 2029 will be made to successful applicants; whether the arrears backdated to September 2026 will be paid as a single lump sum with the first payment; the payment frequency thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69671/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

319. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process for the new basic income for the arts scheme; and when the first payments are expected to actually reach successful applicants.

PQ69691/26 | MATTIE MCGRATH

320. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to provide a breakdown of successful school-related applications under the three most recent completed rounds of the CSFF and its predecessor, the Sports Capital & Equipment Programme, specifying the school, county, partner sports club or organisation, project description, amount allocated and amount drawn down; the requirements for schools applying under the forthcoming round, including joint applications, facility-sharing agreements and community access; and whether his Department provides school-specific guidance or case studies of successful applications, in tabular form.

PQ69689/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

321. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants to the new basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; when the first payments will issue to successful applicants; if payments will be backdated to September 2026 as previously indicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69688/26 | EMER CURRIE

322. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process for the new basic income for the arts scheme; and when the first payments are expected to be made to successful applicants.

PQ69714/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

323. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be informed regarding the outcome of their application; and when the first payments will be made to the successful applicants.

PQ69702/26 | JOANNA BYRNE

324. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme (details supplied) can expect to be notified of the selection process; and when successful applicants can expect their first payments.

PQ69682/26 | GED NASH

325. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date on which applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme 2026 to 2029 will be notified of the outcome of the selection process; whether the anonymised random selection has taken place; if not, the date on which it is scheduled to take place; the reasons for the time elapsed since applications closed on 12 May 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69670/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

326. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport to outline when applicants for the new basic income for the arts scheme expect to be notified of the outcome of their application; and to outline when the first payments will be issued to successful applicants.

PQ69659/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

327. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process for the new basic income for the arts scheme; and when the first payments are expected to actually reach successful applicants.

PQ69644/26 | SORCA CLARKE

328. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; when the first payments are expected to actually reach successful applicants; and if he will commit that payments will begin by the end of 2026.

PQ69630/26 | PA DALY

329. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants to the new basic income for the arts scheme can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process; and when the first payments will issue to successful applicants.

PQ69585/26 | SHANE MOYNIHAN

330. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when a club (details supplied) will receive payment of a Community Sport Facilities Fund claim submitted to his Department on 19 August 2026.

PQ69581/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

331. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when the first payments for the basic income for artist scheme will be paid.

PQ69572/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

332. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of the selection process for the new basic income for the arts scheme; and when the first payments are expected to reach successful applicants.

PQ69577/26 | CLAIRE KERRANE

333. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the date on which applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be given a decision on their application; and when they will receive their first payment under this scheme.

PQ69570/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

334. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified of the outcome of the selection process.

PQ69571/26 | SHAY BRENNAN

335. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when those who applied for inclusion on the new basic income for the arts scheme will be notified of the outcome of their applications; and the date on which the first payment in this scheme will be made.

PQ69569/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

336. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants of the new basic income for the arts scheme will be notified of the outcome of the section process; and when it is likely that weekly payments will commence.

PQ69563/26 | COLM BURKE

337. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the timeline for the completion of the selection process for the basic income for the arts scheme; when applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of their applications; when successful applicants will receive their first payments under the scheme.

PQ69532/26 | CAROL NOLAN

338. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants for the new basic income for the arts scheme will be notified of the outcome of the selection process; and when the first payments are expected to reach successful applicants.

PQ69531/26 | ROBERT TROY

339. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport if he will provide an update on the new basic income for the arts scheme; the expected timeline for completion of the selection process for applicants following the closure of applications on 12 May 2026; when applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications; when successful applicants will receive their first payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69530/26 | AINDRIAS MOYNIHAN

340. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport when applicants to the basic income for the arts scheme will be notified of the outcome of the selection process; when the first payments will be issued to successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69528/26 | ERIN MCGREEHAN

341. To ask the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport the specific timeline for the notification of successful applicants under the basic income for the arts (2026–2029) scheme, which closed for applications on 12 May 2026; the exact date when applicants will be informed of the selection outcome; the precise date when the first backdated weekly payments of €325 will reach the accounts of successful recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69529/26 | MICHEÁL CARRIGY

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

342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the role his Department is taking in the Butter Exchange Project in Cork city.

PQ66848/26 | THOMAS GOULD

343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether he has engaged with local authorities on rates schemes for vacant buildings to encourage new enterprise.

PQ66847/26 | THOMAS GOULD

344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes retrofitted to date and the number he expects to be retrofitted by 2030.

PQ65646/26 | THOMAS GOULD

345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide an update on the commitment to introduce solar planning guidelines in the Programme for Government; the timeline for delivery; if guidelines will be delivered by the end of 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ65940/26 | PA DALY

346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding schemes that may be available to support restoration works at the historic boundary wall at Seir Kieran Cemetery, Clareen, Birr, County Offaly; and whether projects of this nature would be eligible for consideration under the built heritage investment scheme, and the historic structures fund or any other relevant heritage conservation programmes.

PQ69406/26 | CAROL NOLAN

347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a scheme available to apartment owners who wish to swap their apartment with another apartment owner.

PQ69478/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the housing assistance payment scheme will be extended to include the housing-asset owning parents of persons with additional needs or disabilities.

PQ69468/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to publish the National Planning Statement for Short-Term Letting.

PQ69544/26 | SEÁN KYNE

350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department has had with stakeholders regarding the availability of long-term rental accommodation and the impact of short-term lets on supply.

PQ69554/26 | PETER ROCHE

351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to confirm that foundations will be included in the current review under section 51 of the DCB Act 2022; when the review is due to be completed; and when he will report the findings to the house.

PQ69686/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is aware of an issue (details supplied); the measures he is taking to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69698/26 | PA DALY

353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a report in relation to the use of local authority housing budgets (details supplied); and the actions he will take to engage with the councils responsible.

PQ69668/26 | BARRY WARD

354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his view on the recent analysis published by the Before We Die campaign, which indicates that local authorities held a combined total of €1.53 billion in unspent development contributions in 2024; and the steps he is taking to ensure these capital funds are urgently activated to deliver critical housing infrastructure.

PQ69662/26 | CONOR SHEEHAN

355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage whether it is the intention of the Housing and Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2026 that a social housing application may be refused where the lead applicant satisfies the legal and habitual residency requirements set out in section 20A(1), but a dependent child, dependent adult or connected person included in the application does not; and whether guidance has issued or will issue to housing authorities on this matter.

PQ69580/26 | CAROL NOLAN

356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of funding allocated to Galway City Council and Galway County Council for Traveller-specific accommodation in each of the past five years; the total amount of that funding drawn down by each local authority in each year; the Traveller-specific accommodation projects or measures on which the funding was expended; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69568/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

Chun an Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Social Protection

357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of individuals in the State who are in receipt of at least one payment administered by his Department; and to give a breakdown of this total showing the number of Irish citizens, and nationals of the EU/EEA, UK, and the rest of the world.

PQ69428/26 | CAROL NOLAN

358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide details of the schools in Dublin 5 and Dublin 13 that access the Hot School Meals Programme.

PQ69451/26 | TOM BRABAZON

359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps he will take to address the situation whereby a carer receiving State pension is only eligible for half rate carers payment.

PQ69470/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department plans to make provision for a Christmas bonus for social welfare recipients in December 2026.

PQ69537/26 | ROBERT TROY

361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will give detailed and favourable consideration in respect of a sizeable increase in the living alone allowance payment.

PQ69695/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the action he will take to engage with a school meals provider in relation to their concerns on the viability of the current payment model (detail supplied); and if he will meet with them to work through these concerns.

PQ69694/26 | BARRY WARD

363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will increase the savings threshold in respect of disregard for non contributory pension applicants.

PQ69699/26 | BRENDAN SMITH

364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department will review the income thresholds for the working family payment as they apply to lone parent households, including whether childcare costs could be taken into account in the means assessment; the estimated cost of increasing the thresholds by 5% and 10% respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69652/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to implement in Budget 2027 all aspects of a submission by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69636/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection If he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the financial pressures facing carers and low-income households experiencing energy arrears; if he will outline the supports currently available in such circumstances; and to indicate whether any additional measures are under consideration.

PQ69606/26 | SEÁN Ó FEARGHAÍL

367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his Department has plans to review or amend the 18.5 hour limitation for carer's allowance.

PQ69557/26 | RYAN O'MEARA

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

368. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm the number of refusals of long-stay student visa applications for Gazan resident Palestinian students in 2025.

PQ69419/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

369. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm the anticipated processing time of appeals received in 2026 in relation to refusals of long-stay student visa applications for Gazan resident Palestinian students.

PQ69417/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

370. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm the number of appeals received in 2026 in relation to refusals of long-stay student visa applications for Gazan resident Palestinian students.

PQ69416/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

371. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of long-stay student visa applications for Gazan resident Palestinian students processed in Dublin which were approved in 2026.

PQ69415/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

372. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of long-stay student visa applications for Gazan resident Palestinian students processed in Israel which were approved in 2026.

PQ69414/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

373. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm whether all long-stay student visa applications for Gazan resident Palestinian students in 2026 were processed in Israel; if some were processed in Dublin; and to provide a breakdown of the numbers.

PQ69413/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

374. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to confirm the number of appeals of refusals of long-stay student visa applications for Gazan resident Palestinian students in 2025; and the outcome of such appeals, if yet known.

PQ69421/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

375. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the new Garda Station at Northern Cross; and if he can report on any recent meeting he had in relation to this hugely essential project for North Dublin.

PQ69396/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

376. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware that Belarusian nationals lawfully resident in Ireland may be unable to renew their passports without travelling to Belarus, potentially exposing them to political persecution and resulting in difficulties

maintaining immigration status in the State; whether his Department will introduce either a temporary acceptance of expired Belarusian passports, or an alternative Irish-issued identity or travel document for affected persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69395/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

377. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the total number of individuals who have been naturalised under the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 in each year from 2011 to date; to give a breakdown of the total showing the number of those who were nationals of EU member states, the UK, EEA, and countries outside of the EU/UK/EEA; to give a breakdown of the top ten nationalities of those who have been naturalised and the numbers of each such nationality; and to give a breakdown of the total number by religion and first spoken language.

PQ69434/26 | CAROL NOLAN

378. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the number of individuals who are still waiting for a decision on citizenship application filed in each of the years 2020 to 2023, by nationality of the applicants; and the total number of applications from citizens of those countries in that period, in tabular form.

PQ69442/26 | RODERIC O'GORMAN

379. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason he was not among the 22 of home affairs ministers who co-signed a letter calling for a special meeting of the EU Justice and Home Affairs Council on 4 August 2026 to discuss the influx of illegal immigration into the Spanish territory of Cueta.

PQ69430/26 | CAROL NOLAN

380. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he is aware of recent reports in the London media that the Chinese Communist Party is funding protest groups in the UK, including pro-Palestinian groups, with the aim of fomenting political turmoil; whether his Department or any State agency monitors any such foreign attempts to fund Irish protest groups; and to outline any such activity which he is aware of in recent years.

PQ69429/26 | CAROL NOLAN

381. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if his Department has a formal or working definition of 'Islamophobia' in the context of the operation of the Criminal Justice (Hate Offences) Act 2024; and, if so, to clarify the definition.

PQ69464/26 | CAROL NOLAN

382. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the reason visas for Palestinian students have not been prioritised given the Irish Government rhetoric on Gaza.

PQ69488/26 | THOMAS GOULD

383. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current number and regional distribution of operational Garda specialist interviewers; and the number that have separately verified training or qualifications in autism, intellectual disability, AAC, non-speaking communication or complex communication needs, in tabular form.

PQ69494/26 | RUTH COPPINGER

384. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the actions he is taking to regulate the gambling sector in the context of reports indicating that Ireland has some of the highest rates of gambling in the world (details supplied); and the measures in place to prevent the targeting of vulnerable gambling addicts by betting companies.

PQ69681/26 | BARRY WARD

385. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration whether time spent residing in the State under temporary protection will be reckonable towards the proposed residency requirement for naturalisation under the Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69667/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

386. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the current status of the preparation of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2026; the anticipated timeline for the publication of the Bill and its progression through the Houses of the Oireachtas; when pre-legislative scrutiny is expected to be undertaken; whether a public consultation will be conducted as part of the preparation of the legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69663/26 | EMER CURRIE

387. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the status of a join family visa (details supplied); and if the visa will be given priority considering the circumstances.

PQ69645/26 | SORCA CLARKE

388. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to expedite a citizenship application for a person (details supplied) submitted four years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69642/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

389. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration if he or his Department or any agencies, bodies or organisations under the aegis of his Department are aware of any instances where communications were intercepted in the State that were outside the legal provisions of the Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993; and, if so, the details of all instances.

PQ69629/26 | ALAN KELLY

390. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration the progress achieved to date by the OPW regarding the new Garda Divisional Headquarters at Northern Cross; and the timeframe for progress to the next stage.

PQ69452/26 | TOM BRABAZON

391. To ask the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration to provide an update on the new Garda Station at Northern Cross; and if he can report on any recent meeting he had in relation to this hugely essential project for North Dublin.

PQ69397/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

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

392. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will grant the full two-week extension to the current deadline for slurry spreading.

PQ69559/26 | LOUIS O'HARA

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

393. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality when appropriate overnight respite and appropriate behavioural and psychological support will be provided for an individual (details supplied), whose parents have been consistently asking for support for several years, through the CDNT, respite services and the Disability Office.

PQ69398/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

394. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of people waiting for HSE disability home support in 2025 and to date in 2026, by month, in the East Clare HSE Community Health Network.

PQ69480/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

395. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of persons waiting for HSE disability home support in 2025 and 2026, by month, in the West Clare HSE Community Health Network.

PQ69479/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

396. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla has directed social work teams to reduce the frequency or duration of access visits between children in care and their parents; and whether decisions regarding access are required to be determined on an individual child's assessed needs and care plan.

PQ69503/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

397. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether Tusla has issued any national, regional or local instruction, policy, guidance or directive to reduce access arrangements between children in care and their parents, wider family members or other approved persons; whether any changes to access arrangements have been introduced in 2026 due to staffing, resource or service capacity issues; and if she will provide details of any such measures.

PQ69499/26 | SHÓNAGH NÍ RAGHALLAIGH

398. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if she is aware of the 'before we die' campaign; her thoughts on the issue; if she has met with other representative / advocacy groups to discuss the issue; if she has met with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69701/26 | PA DALY

399. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether transport provided by a school age childcare service between a child's school and the service can be included in the fee subsidised under the national childcare scheme; if not, the reason; the number of services that levy a separate transport charge, if known; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69650/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

400. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality if her Department will review the national childcare scheme subsidy rates for school age childcare, having regard to hourly fees in many services substantially exceeding those charged for early years care; the estimated cost of increasing the hourly subsidy for school age childcare by €1, €2 and €3 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69649/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

401. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the average hourly fee charged by school age childcare services, broken down by services participating in Core Funding and those not participating, in each of the years 2024, 2025 and to date in 2026; the fee management controls that apply to each category; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69648/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

402. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to confirm that the entirety of funding for a person (details supplied) to attend an adult disability day placement will urgently be made available due to the needs of the person.

PQ69637/26 | COLM BURKE

403. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the communication that is taking place between her Department and the Health Service Executive regarding the regularisation of personalised budgets for persons with disabilities.

PQ69471/26 | GILLIAN TOOLE

404. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality whether she will review the 14-working-week statutory limit on the transfer of parental leave between qualifying parents employed by the same employer, having regard to the fact that the overall parental leave entitlement has increased to 26 working weeks; whether the retention of the 14-week limit following the increase in the overall entitlement was an intentional policy decision; and whether she intends to amend section 6(6A) of the Parental Leave Act 1998 to increase this limit.

PQ69550/26 | ALBERT DOLAN

405. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality the number of allocated and vacant posts by CDNT in 2024; and the numbers now.

PQ69511/26 | THOMAS GOULD

406. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality her views on whether existing legislation and regulations are sufficient to support workers that are seeking reasonable allowances for flexible working; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69460/26 | BARRY WARD

407. To ask the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to provide details of the cuts being made to CDNT4 in An Spidéal, County Galway; the reason for this; the number of days a week it currently operates; if it will change to two days a week; and the timeframe for same.

PQ69437/26 | MAIRÉAD FARRELL

Chun an Sláinte: To the Health

408. To ask the Minister for Health if the employment of newly qualified radiation therapists will be authorised (details supplied); to provide a date for this authorisation to take place; and to outline the reason for the delay in offering the 2026 graduate class their contracts.

PQ69405/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

409. To ask the Minister for Health whether there is an unfilled post of paediatric occupational therapist in Rialto primary care centre; and if so, when it is expected to be filled.

PQ69403/26 | PAUL MURPHY

410. To ask the Minister for Health if she will clarify whether women whose pregnancies end in abortion are included in the data collection and reporting methodology used by the Maternal Death Enquiry Ireland for maternal deaths and late maternal deaths occurring during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy.

PQ69418/26 | CAROL NOLAN

411. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated wait time communicated to patients for biopsy results after a colposcopy at MUH; the actual wait time currently experienced by patients; if delays have been identified in the system; the reason for these delays; and the measures in place to mitigate against potential consequences for patients impacted by delays.

PQ69412/26 | ROSE CONWAY-WALSH

412. To ask the Minister for Health if she is satisfied that sufficient data is being collected to assess any relationship between abortion and subsequent adverse mental health outcomes, including suicide; and whether consideration is being given to enhanced data collection in this area.

PQ69422/26 | CAROL NOLAN

413. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE-funded Maternal Death Enquiry (MDE) analyses and publishes details of maternal deaths up to a year after birth, but ignores maternal deaths up to a year after abortion; and if she will instruct MDE to report in the future on all maternal deaths, including those where the pregnancy ended in abortion.

PQ69420/26 | CAROL NOLAN

414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff of the Health Service Executive who are presently facing disciplinary action on foot of recent fines imposed by the Data Protection Commission for improper storage of records in derelict buildings including disused toilets and a turf shed.

PQ69431/26 | CAROL NOLAN

415. To ask the Minister for Health if she will introduce measures to alleviate the financial burden on cancer patients, including automatic entitlement to a medical card upon diagnosis for the duration of their illness; to reduction the drugs payment scheme threshold to €40 per month; to abolish hospital car parking charges for cancer patients nationwide; and for automatic entitlement to the household benefits package and fuel allowance for persons with an advanced or end-of-life diagnosis.

PQ69462/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

416. To ask the Minister for Health if she will introduce a publicly funded shingles vaccination programme, initially targeting adults aged 65 years and over and immunocompromised individuals, in line with the recommendations of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee; and if her Department has assessed the cost-effectiveness of a targeted programme for these groups, given the cost of private vaccination and the risk of serious complications, including long-term nerve pain.

PQ69461/26 | WILLIAM AIRD

417. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide evening and weekend orthopaedic outpatient clinics at Beaumont hospital to help reduce the lengthy orthopaedic waiting lists.

PQ69457/26 | TOM BRABAZON

418. To ask the Minister for Health if she will review the current reimbursement status of a medication (details supplied) under the drugs payment scheme and general medical services scheme; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that women who develop medically induced menopause as a result of cancer treatment, and who cannot use HRT due to hormone-sensitive cancers, are required to pay for this medication while women accessing HRT for natural menopause can do so free of charge under the HRT scheme; and if she will address this apparent inequity in access to menopause symptom management for cancer patients.

PQ69450/26 | PÁDRAIG MAC LOCHLAINN

419. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of concerns raised by healthcare workers regarding the deployment of multi task attendants (Grade 6015) to theatre duties without being formally trained, assessed, or signed off as theatre operatives (Grade 6013); the safeguards in place to ensure that all staff assigned to theatre environments possess the appropriate qualifications and competencies; whether her Department or the HSE has investigated complaints relating to these practices; the number of complaints received in this regard during the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69477/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paramedic interns produced each year who could be deployed to the NAS; the number which are so deployed; the reason other interns are not deployed; the number deployed to Ennis each year from 2020 to date; the number deployed to each other area of Clare for the same dates; and the reasons for such deployments.

PQ69484/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

421. To ask the Minister for Health the position of the paediatric physiotherapist in primary care area CHN 10, that has not been in post since 6 March 2026; and if she will confirm a date for this position to be filled.

PQ69476/26 | JOHNNY MYTHEN

422. To ask the Minister for Health whether a HIQA notification has been submitted for Unit 1 Sarsfield Court; and when this was submitted.

PQ69489/26 | THOMAS GOULD

423. To ask the Minister for Health if the protocol of transferring frozen embryos prior to endometriosis surgery has changed.

PQ69465/26 | MARY LOU MCDONALD

424. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to introducing a more affordable daily parking rate at University Hospital Galway for patients and visitors; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69515/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

425. To ask the Minister for Health whether her Department or the HSE has considered the development of a multi-storey car park at University Hospital Galway in order to significantly increase parking capacity for patients, visitors and staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69514/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

426. To ask the Minister for Health whether vacant posts have been removed from CDNTs due the HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy.

PQ69510/26 | THOMAS GOULD

427. To ask the Minister for Health to give an update on the working group established in 2024 to develop recommendations on a National Hearing Plan; if they have made a report and if the Minister intends it be made public; and the date by which a hearing care plan will be published and implemented.

PQ69523/26 | SEÁN CROWE

428. To ask the Minister for Health whether a long-term strategy has been developed to address ongoing parking difficulties at University Hospital Galway, given that concerns regarding parking availability and cost have persisted for a number of years; the measures being considered as part of such a strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69522/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

429. To ask the Minister for Health whether steps are being taken to provide clearer information to patients and visitors regarding parking availability at University Hospital Galway, including alternative parking options and transport links; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69521/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

430. To ask the Minister for Health to provide the terms of engagement (details supplied).

PQ69520/26 | PAUL MURPHY

431. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are in place, or are being considered, to improve access to parking at University Hospital Galway for elderly, disabled and other vulnerable patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69519/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

432. To ask the Minister for Health whether specific parking arrangements, permits or discounted parking schemes are available or under consideration for staff at University Hospital Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69518/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

433. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE has considered the introduction of a dedicated or discounted parking scheme for patients attending appointments at University Hospital Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69517/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

434. To ask the Minister for Health whether she is aware of concerns regarding the hourly parking charges at University Hospital Galway; whether any review has been undertaken of parking costs for persons attending outpatient appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69516/26 | JOHN CONNOLLY

435. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration was given to the first ATU Letterkenny-Coventry University occupational graduates who were ineligible for the bursary when it was introduced; and the measures being taken to ensure those returning qualified and experienced occupational therapists are not disadvantaged by current HSE recruitment arrangements.

PQ69547/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

436. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which occupational therapists on HSE recruitment panels are being considered for vacant positions in Donegal; and if there is a policy or agreement preventing occupational therapy posts from being offered to suitably qualified and experienced candidates on current HSE recruitment panels.

PQ69546/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

437. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of adult occupational therapy positions in the new community nursing unit in Letterkenny; and the positions which will be specifically reserved or allocated for ATU Letterkenny-Coventry University occupational therapy programme and bursary scheme graduates.

PQ69545/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

438. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of vacant adult occupational therapy vacant positions in Donegal; the total number currently being reserved or allocated specifically for ATU Letterkenny-Coventry University occupational therapy programme and bursary scheme graduates; the total number of vacant adult occupational therapy positions in Donegal; and the total number currently being reserved or allocated specifically for ATU Letterkenny-Coventry University occupational therapy programme and bursary scheme graduates.

PQ69543/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

439. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of vacant child occupational therapy positions in Donegal.

PQ69542/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

440. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of vacant adult occupational therapy positions in Donegal.

PQ69540/26 | PEARSE DOHERTY

441. To ask the Minister for Health the status of staffing plans for the proposed local injuries unit in Ballina, County Mayo; whether support services, including security, cleaning and other ancillary grades, will be provided through direct HSE employment or outsourced contracts; the extent to which direct recruitment options have been explored; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69552/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

442. To ask the Minister for Health to report on the lack of a HSE alcohol addiction counsellor in the greater Tallaght area; if there is a recruitment campaign ongoing; and the number of people currently on a waiting list for alcohol addiction services in Dublin South West.

PQ69535/26 | SEÁN CROWE

443. To ask the Minister for Health if she is aware of proposals by the HSE to develop a multi-disciplinary team for a partnership (details supplied) modelled off of the successful North East Inner City Multi-Disciplinary Team; and to provide an update on the status of the MDT for same.

PQ69693/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

444. To ask the Minister for Health when the proposed vaccine damage scheme to deal with cases of people who have been injured as a result of taking vaccines, including Covid vaccines, will be established; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69716/26 | WILLIE O'DEA

445. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place regarding the processing of samples from GPs in public laboratories; if all samples from GPs should be processed in public laboratories or only those from patients with medical cards or GP visit cards; if each laboratory has its own GP service arrangements in place or is there a national protocol with respect to the processing of samples from GPs; and if any updated guidance has been issued to public laboratories with respect to this matter.

PQ69706/26 | PÁDRAIG RICE

446. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an MRI appointment at Mayo University Hospital; and the current status of the referral; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69705/26 | PAUL LAWLESS

447. To ask the Minister for Health the total loss of private income in public hospitals in 2025, by hospital; the loss to date in 2026, by hospital; and the projected full year loss, by hospital.

PQ69697/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

448. To ask the Minister for Health the money allocated to address reductions in private income in public hospitals in each of the years since 2023; and if funding will be provided in Budget 2027 to continue replacing private income in public hospitals.

PQ69696/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

449. To ask the Minister for Health the number of newly qualified nurses and midwives who were offered positions at Cork University Hospital and Cork University Maternity Hospital in 2026 and subsequently had those offers withdrawn or were informed that positions were no longer available; the number of vacant nursing and midwifery posts currently at both hospitals; the number of graduate positions approved for 2026; the reason positions previously offered to graduates were subsequently withdrawn; if staffing restrictions or recruitment controls were a factor in these decisions; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69684/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

450. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of approved, funded, filled and vacant midwifery posts at Cork University Maternity Hospital; the number of midwives who have left the hospital through resignation, retirement or other reasons since January 2026; the number of these posts that have been replaced (details supplied); if any recruitment restrictions or staffing controls are currently affecting the filling of midwifery vacancies at CUMH; the impact that current staffing levels are having on the delivery of maternity services and staff workload; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69683/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

451. To ask the Minister for Health the current full year overspend forecast for the HSE in 2026 held by her Department; whether a supplementary estimate will be sought and the amount; the specific expenditure controls introduced since June 2026; and the savings each has delivered to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69655/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

452. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the HSE's 2026 overspend to date attributable to agency staffing and to overtime respectively, broken down by HSE health region; the corresponding figures for the same period in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69654/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

453. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's cumulative net expenditure variance against its approved 2026 allocation at the end of each month from January to August 2026; the date on which her Department was first formally notified that the variance had exceeded €500 million, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69651/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

454. To ask the Minister for Health whether consideration has been given to enabling other neurology centres, including Cork University Hospital, to assess and prescribe Skyclarys for patients with Friedreich's Ataxia under a shared care arrangement with Tallaght University Hospital, to reduce waiting times and travel burden for patients outside Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69643/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

455. To ask the Minister for Health the current average interval between reviews for patients with Friedreich's Ataxia at the Combined Ataxia Clinic at Tallaght University Hospital; the plans in place to meet European and international guidelines recommending annual review including echocardiogram; the recurrent funding required to achieve this; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69641/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

456. To ask the Minister for Health whether an implementation plan and associated service funding were put in place when reimbursement of Skyclarys was approved, to ensure specialist clinic capacity existed to prescribe and monitor the treatment; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69640/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

457. To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE will allocate additional dedicated resources, including consultant, nursing, administrative and cardiac ECHO capacity, to the Combined Ataxia Clinic at Tallaght University Hospital; to ensure all eligible patients with Friedreich's Ataxia are assessed and prescribed Skyclarys by 31 December 2026; the cost of such resources; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69639/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

458. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients with Friedreich's Ataxia currently attending the Combined Ataxia Clinic at Tallaght University Hospital; the number of those patients who have been prescribed Skyclarys since reimbursement was approved in August 2026; the projected date by which all eligible patients will have been assessed and prescribed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69638/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

459. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of making medical cards an automatic entitlement to those over 70 years of age; and if she has considered such a proposal.

PQ69635/26 | COLM BURKE

460. To ask the Minister for Health if she will consider increasing the means threshold for over 70s medical cards due to cost-of-living pressures.

PQ69634/26 | COLM BURKE

461. To ask the Minister for Health to urgently examine and allow for an urgent appointment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69633/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

462. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to providing the shingles vaccine free of charge or at a reduced cost for persons in receipt of the State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69631/26 | MICHAEL CAHILL

463. To ask the Minister for Health further to PQ 66822/25, the HSE's specific role as the State's environmental-health inspectorate when an individual or community reports that environmental noise is adversely affecting their health (details supplied); and if the HSE does not have responsibility, who does.

PQ69621/26 | CAROL NOLAN

464. To ask the Minister for Health the items that have been stolen from the National Children's Hospital in the past five years; the number of IT work stations/units that have been stolen from the hospital in the same period; if investigations into these thefts have been carried out; if An Garda Síochána have been contacted in relation to same; and if there have been convictions for any thefts in the hospital.

PQ69618/26 | PEADAR TOIBÍN

465. To ask the Minister for Health to confirm her Department has already received a document (details supplied); to assure the family that all the issues raised in it are being addressed; and the timeframe for the provision of the information sought and for the resolution of all issues of concern to the family.

PQ69609/26 | DONNA MCGETTIGAN

466. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 460 of 27 September 2022, the current status of the application for pricing and reimbursement of a medication (details supplied) for the treatment of primary hypercholesterolaemia and mixed dyslipidaemia; whether

the HSE has received a revised commercial offer or a new application from the marketing authorisation holder since the NCPE assessment of March 2022; whether the application has been considered by the HSE Drugs Group, and the outcome; and the routes by which patients for whom inclisiran is clinically indicated can currently access it.

PQ69605/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

467. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients approved for reimbursement of alirocumab and evolocumab under the HSE managed access protocol in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

PQ69604/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

468. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will extend publicly funded pneumococcal vaccination to carers, frontline health and social care workers and all adults aged 50 years and over; and whether the National Immunisation Advisory Committee has been asked to advise on replacing the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine with a conjugate vaccine, such as PCV20, for adults, as has happened in the UK programme.

PQ69603/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

469. To ask the Minister for Health the uptake of the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine among those aged 65 years and over in each of the years 2021 to 2025; and the number of doses administered through community pharmacies since 1 May 2026, in tabular form.

PQ69602/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

470. To ask the Minister for Health the status of her Department's decision on RSV immunisation beyond the 2026/2027 season; whether provision has been sought in the Estimates for 2027 for an adult RSV vaccination programme; whether such a programme will include carers and frontline health and social care workers in its first phase, with a timeline for extension to all adults aged 50 years and over; and whether price negotiations for RSV and shingles vaccines are being conducted jointly where the products share a manufacturer.

PQ69601/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

471. To ask the Minister for Health further to the HIQA health technology assessment of RSV immunisation published on 28 April 2026, the estimated full-year cost of a publicly funded RSV vaccination programme for adults aged 75 years and over, adults aged 65 years and over, adults aged 50 years and over, carers in receipt of carer's allowance or the carer's support grant, and frontline health and social care workers, in tabular form.

PQ69600/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

472. To ask the Minister for Health the uptake of the influenza vaccine in the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 seasons among those aged 60 to 64 years of age, those aged 65 years of age and over, residents of long-term residential care facilities, healthcare workers and carers, in tabular form.

PQ69598/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

473. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doses of influenza vaccine ordered and the number delivered to date for the 2026/2027 winter vaccination programme, by vaccine type, including the enhanced vaccine for those aged 65 years of age and over; and the number of doses distributed to GPs and community pharmacies to date, in tabular form.

PQ69597/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

474. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 2026/2027 winter flu vaccination programme ahead of the national launch on 8 October 2026; the steps being taken to ensure that GPs and community pharmacies hold sufficient stock to vaccinate those aged 60 years-of-age and over and other at-risk groups without delay; and the date by which the HSE expects the full supply to be delivered.

PQ69599/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

475. To ask the Minister for Health whether she will request the National Immunisation Advisory Committee and HIQA to update their advice on shingles vaccination for adults aged 50 years-of-age and over, having regard to current vaccine pricing and emerging evidence on wider health outcomes, including stroke and dementia.

PQ69596/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

476. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 521 of 7 May 2025, whether provision has been sought in the Estimates for 2027 for a publicly funded Shingles Vaccination Programme; whether medical card holders and adults aged 70 years-of-age and over will be included in a first phase alongside the immunocompromised cohort currently under consideration; and the timeline for extending the programme to all adults aged 50 years-of-age and over.

PQ69595/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

477. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 521 of 7 May 2025, the estimated full-year cost of a publicly funded Shingles Vaccination Programme for each of the cohorts aged 80 and over, 75 and over, 70 and over, 65 and over, and 50 and over, at an assumed uptake of 50%, in tabular form; and whether her Department or the HSE has engaged with the manufacturer on the price of the recombinant zoster vaccine since the publication of the HIQA health technology assessment in July 2024; and the outcome of that engagement.

PQ69594/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

478. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions and the number of bed days with a principal or secondary diagnosis of herpes zoster or post-herpetic neuralgia, in each of the years 2021 to 2025 and to date in 2026, by age cohort, that is 50 to 64 years-of-age, 65 to 69 years-of-age, 70 to 74 years-of-age, 75 to 79 years-of-age, and 80 years of age and above, in tabular form.

PQ69593/26 | CORMAC DEVLIN

479. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify proposals to review prescribing practices as part of measures to control expenditure on medicines; whether any such measures could restrict the ability of a treating consultant or other medical practitioner to prescribe the medicine they consider clinically appropriate for an individual patient; the role cost considerations will have in decisions concerning high-cost and high-tech medicines; and if she will confirm that clinical decisions regarding an individual patient's treatment will remain a matter for appropriately qualified clinicians.

PQ69592/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

480. To ask the Minister for Health whether any proposals are being considered to introduce additional co-payments, percentage-based patient contributions or caps in respect of prescribed medicines, including high-tech medicines and biologic therapies; whether an assessment has been undertaken of the potential impact of such measures on patients with serious chronic conditions who are not covered by the long term illness scheme; the safeguards that will be put in place to ensure that no patient is unable to access a clinically necessary medicine due to its cost.

PQ69591/26 | MICHAEL MURPHY

481. To ask the Minister for Health the actions her Department is taking to address the current shortage of folic acid products in Ireland.

PQ69586/26 | MALCOLM BYRNE

482. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which her Department received monthly financial reports from the HSE in 2026; whether any report was delayed or incomplete; the reason the full scale of the overspend was not provided to the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts in advance of its hearing on 24 September 2026; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69915/26 | KEN O'FLYNN

483. To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to delays in facilitating a civil registration of marriage appointment with the Civil Registration Service; and if the basis for this delay can be outlined.

PQ69485/26 | BARRY WARD

Chun an Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

484. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department plans to increase the SUSI maintenance payment for students in Budget 2027.

PQ69536/26 | ROBERT TROY

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

485. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht when successful applications under the Community Centre Investment Fund will be announced.

PQ69404/26 | ROBERT TROY

486. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht If his Department will consider an application through the CCIF on behalf of a group (details supplied).

PQ69449/26 | ROBERT TROY

487. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the reason Darndale and Priorswood, North Dublin, were not included in the SÍOL scheme which aims to rejuvenate and increase community development in areas of deprivation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ69463/26 | DENISE MITCHELL

488. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht the reason a groups (details supplied) application for funding to expand play therapy to local schools, and for a community domestic abuse awareness event was refused.

PQ69690/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN

489. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht to provide clarification the reason an area (details supplied) was excluded from the new SÍOL programme; to outline the specific criteria and weighting applied in the selection process; the way in which the available deprivation data was assessed in relation to this area; if there an appeal or review mechanism for areas not included in the initial phase; and to outline the process for additional areas being considered for inclusion in 2027.

PQ69685/26 | CIAN O'CALLAGHAN